

Zionist leaders assailed for failure to present case in historic perspective

NEW YORK [JTA] —

In a year-end review highlighting the accomplishments and failures of Jewish life in Israel and the Diaspora, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency comes to the conclusion that Zionist and Jewish groups reacted in "kneejerk" fashion to the United Nations anti-Zionist resolution.

News editor Murray Zuckoff, in an analysis of 1975, also criticized many Jewish leaders for their lack of imagination in dealing with the vital issues of the day.

Referring to the UN resolution, which he terms "an unprecedented move in which the national liberation movement of an entire people was condemned," Zuckoff observes:

"The resolution, although presaged by earlier ones during the year, stunned Isra-

elis and Jews around the world. Reacting in knee-jerk fashion to this calamity, Zionist and Jewish organizations for the most part resorted to gimmicky and sententious ads in newspapers, shop-worn cliches and the manufacture of thousands of buttons. They failed to seize the opportunity to present the historical contributions of Zionism as a movement of national liberation to other, more recently evolving liberation movements.

"They also failed to present Zionism as a body of theory dealing with the condition of Jews in the Diaspora, the general nature and structure of Israeli society. Instead, the state of ads was more calculated to win support for this or that Zionist organization than to deal with fundamentals. The failure

on the part of Zionist and Jewish leaders to rise to the occasion was not accidental.

"For years, they had operated on the assumption that Zionism had been vindicated and absolved by history; their thinking on this issue had become stultified and cynical. In Israel, for example, the term 'Zionism' was invariably placed in quotation marks and used as a put-down. The reaction to those countries that voted for the resolution, especially those who had been considered friends of Israel and some of the Third World countries, was one of unrestrained — and generally unthinking — fury. They were attacked as being anti-Zionist and anti-Israel without redemption. Yet the Zionist and Jewish leaders again overlooked reality.

"Many of the Third World and Latin

American countries voted for the resolution more in protest against the U.S. than against Zionism and Israel. By the same token, many of the countries that voted against the resolution did so not because they were in principle agreement with Zionism but to protest against the Arabs who had brought them to their knees during the oil embargo. Because the Jewish and Zionist leaders were not prepared to deal with the issue of Zionism on a fundamental level, they sought out heroes for acclamation and villains for condemnation."

On the question of Jewish leadership, Zuckoff notes:

"A decisive factor for Israel and world Jewish communities will be the role and nature of Jewish leadership. In 1975 many

Jewish leaders, especially in this country, were under fire from grassroots Jewish communities for lacking creative and innovative responses required by the world situation. A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed that little was done, or done haphazardly, to mobilize communities on vital issues. Jewish leaders were also berated for relegating much of their activities to issuing press releases and engaging in private consultations with Administration officials.

"Jewish and Zionist organizations were also criticized for being unable to function at full capacity except under crises situations, failing to develop a corps of future leaders, duplications and overlapping of services, insufficient efforts to involve the membership in decision-making processes,

and a general parochialism toward broader social issues.

"The major ongoing need in 1976 will be to defend Israel against American pressure for more territorial concessions while demanding of the Arabs that, at most, they normalize their relations with Israel. There will also be the need to take Zionism out of the stalls of idolatry and present it as a vibrant, viable force for peace and progress in the Middle East, and to transform this year's button Zionists into next year's ideological and activist Zionists.

"There will be the need for heightened awareness regarding aliyah and less bureaucratic impediments in this country and in Israel that turn off actual and potential olim."

Heavy cuts in spending approved

TEL AVIV [JCN] —

Israel's cabinet has approved what is generally regarded as the most inadequate budget in the country's history with its drastic cuts in the health, education, welfare and defence estimates.

All ministers responsible for the spending departments are dissatisfied with the \$12 billion austerity budget, containing an in-built deficit of \$25 million, but Yehoshua Rabinowitz, the Finance Minister, is firmly standing by his proposals. Supported by Prime Minister Rabin, Rabinowitz warned his colleagues during the eight-hour cabinet discussion that a larger deficit would mean the collapse of Israel's economic structure.

Three cabinet members abstained from voting: Victor Shemtov and Shlomo Rosen, the Mapam Ministers of Health and Immigrant Absorption, and Shlomo Rosen, the Labor Minister of Police.

Entrenched interests in the Histadrut (Israeli Labor Federation) appear particularly reluctant to support the 1976-77 budget. The Histadrut leaders would not comment.

The cabinet also approved Rabinowitz's economic plan, which aims at switching many thousands of people in unproductive employment to export industries. Rabinowitz had great difficulty in convincing his colleagues to accept the limits imposed on spending and the discussions will be continued at the next cabinet meeting.

However, Rabinowitz said that he would be ready to make adjustments in the appropriations as between different departments, provided there was no change in the total budget. Gershon Avenor, the cabinet secretary, later said that the prime minister, the finance minister and Defence Minister Shimon Peres, would submit the defence estimates to the entire cabinet for approval.

This means that once the indispensable defence expenditure is determined by these three key ministers, the money for it may have to be found by further cuts in the appropriations for other ministers.

(This week, Israel announced the sixth devaluation of its currency in 14 months. The new rate is 7.24 pounds to the dollar. The 1.9% devaluation means the value of the Israeli pound has dropped by more than 70% since November, 1974.)

(The government pledged the new devaluation would not affect prices of Israeli products and economists predicted most imports would absorb the loss since sales were already falling.)

Jews in Metro will be regarded as 'individual' members of TJC

TORONTO —

Every Jew residing in the Metropolitan Toronto area who supports the aims and objectives of the Toronto Jewish Congress will be considered an "individual" member of the TJC, according to the constitution of the organization. TJC represents a merger of the Toronto division of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Agencies providing services to the Jewish community, organizations having a Jewish membership of at least 25, and congregations are classed as "constituent" members.

One hundred and twenty representatives of the individual members will be elected to the TJC council, the governing body of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Agencies are entitled to representation on the council on the basis of one representative for each agency. If membership of the agency exceeds 100, it is entitled to an additional representative for every additional 100 Jewish members up to a total of 10 representatives.

Organizations which are not branches, lodges, chapters or other sub-groups of regional, national or international organizations, are also entitled to one

representative each on the council plus one for each additional 100 members over 100 up to a maximum of 10 representatives.

Those organizations which are branches, lodges, chapters or other sub-groups of regional, national or international organizations are entitled to representation on the council in the same manner but the regional, national or international Metro Toronto representative body cannot name representatives on behalf of its sub-groups. Instead, they are entitled to two representatives for the first 25 Jewish members of their board and one further representative

for each additional 25 Jewish members up to a total of 10 representatives.

Schools are entitled to representation on the same basis as organizations but based on the total number of families served by each school, rather than on membership. Branch schools are deemed to be part of that constituent member.

The TJC constitution lists nine principal aims of the organization. One is "to further the welfare of the Jewish community of Metropolitan Toronto in accordance with democratic principles; to safeguard its interests and stimulate its growth."

been circulated to all members of the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region Council resident in Metro Toronto and to all members of the UJWF board of directors.

Additional nominations may be made by any seven individual members of the TJC. These nominations must be made in writing and with the consent of the nominee and delivered to the office of the TJC, 150 Bever-

ley St. at least five days before the annual meeting.

The Council will be elected first at the Jan. 25 meeting and immediately after, the Council members will meet to elect the Executive Committee and officers. Nominated for officers for a one-year term are: Milton E. Harris, president; Mrs. A.A. Epstein, David E. Newman, R. Lou Ronson, Jack M. Rose, David Rotenberg, H.H. Solway, Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe, vice-presidents.

Other nominees are: Ronald Appleby, treasurer; Michael C. Benjamin, assistant treasurer; Saul Koschitzky, secretary; Harry Steiner, assistant secretary; J.S. Midanik and David Satok, representatives to the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Donald Carr, honorary counsel.

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The executive committee, elected for a one-year term, will comprise the officers of the TJC, plus 50 members elected by and from the council, plus 10 co-opted members, the chairman of the UJA campaign in Metro Toronto, the chairman of the

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Responding to the Vatican's announcement that he has been appointed a member of the renowned Pontifical Academy of Scientists, Prof. Sela said he regarded the appointment as a sign of

encouragement for Israel in a difficult period.

The appointment, he added, was not merely a personal tribute but a tribute to Israeli science as a whole. Prof. Sela, 51, is the first Israeli to be admitted to this important scientific body.

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BOUND FOR ISRAEL VISIT

Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and his wife, Ria, prepare to board a flight Sunday on their way to Israel. They were joined on the private trip by a small group of Toronto Jews. This trip fulfils a long-standing ambition of McMurtry. Also see Page 3. (D. Groskind)

Toronto Jewish Congress officially comes into existence this month

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The Toronto Jewish Congress, the merged organization of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Toronto division of the Canadian Jewish Congress, will be officially operative on Sunday, Jan. 25. The first annual meeting will be held that day at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Eighteen officers and a 50-member Executive Committee, will be elected, as well

as 120 members-at-large of a Council, which will be the supreme legislative body of the TJC. The Council will be augmented by approximately 800 representatives of organizations and agencies, for a total Council of 900.

A nominating committee headed by Sydney M. Harris and Herbert H. Solway, has made the nominations for the elective positions, and, in accordance with interim election provisions, the slate has

been circulated to all members of the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region Council resident in Metro Toronto and to all members of the UJWF board of directors.

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U.S.-Israel relations worsen

WASHINGTON —

Relations between the Ford Administration and Israel have taken a turn for the worse, writes the JCN's correspondent here. A major issue is the refusal of the Israeli government to attend the United Nations Security Council debate on the Middle East on Jan. 12, to which the Palestine Liberation Organization is invited.

Israelis believe the United States should have vetoed the resolution which authorized the meeting, because the Syrians had insisted on a Security Council debate as a condition for their agreeing to extend the UN peace-keeping forces mandate on the Golan Heights.

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The Canada-Israel Committee says its vice-chairman Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, has somewhat unwillingly, but wisely, re-oriented its perspective, in light of current encroachments in the United Nations on Israeli security and integrity.

To safeguard public sentiment and political support for Israel in this country, "Canadian Jewry must understand, reluctantly," said the Toronto rabbi, "that Habitat and the PLO cannot obscure our view. We are not giving up on the principle and the government knows this. But it becomes self-evident that our priorities must change. We can't afford to throw our strength into a battle with our own government on the issue of the PLO."

In an hour-long interview in his spacious, book-lined study, the 63-year-old Holy Blossom rabbi repeatedly stressed this view: the PLO-Habitat controversy is a minor skirmish compared to the major battle of rallying public opinion and government support in the UN squarely behind Israel.

(The CJN had been attempting to reach the rabbi for comment following publication of the CIC position paper on the PLO three weeks ago, but he was out of town and unavailable. When reached, he asked for time to gather his thoughts and that this reporter interview him in his office rather than on the telephone.)

Reiterating the CIC stance, he stated unequivocally that while an aggressive approach to PLO presence at the crime conference may have been warranted, such a protracted, high-profile conflict with Ottawa at this moment over Habitat is definitely undesirable and could, in the long-run, jeopardize the relationship.

Was he personally and morally comfortable with CIC stance downplaying an active confrontation to the Vancouver conference? "The Jewish community is frustrated," from Gunther Plaut down, he admitted. "Here we see something we have given our life's blood and hope to, being embattled, endangered. There is a need for us to scream and do something. That's human. I feel that way, but you have to restrain yourself."

"How we best support Israel depends on the time and circumstance," he cautioned. "This particular moment calls for a different strategy."

In addition to the twist of events unfolding on the UN stage, a prime consideration motivating a change in CIC tactic, said Rabbi Plaut, was a mistaken reaction from several quarters to the cancellation of the Toronto crime conference.

Ill-feeling pervades certain echelons of government (he would not elaborate) and permeates segments of the public, who viewed the cancellation as a demonstration of Jewish lobbying power over government, rather than as a question of morality and human decency.

The Vancouver contingent present at last month's national CIC meeting in Montreal, he disclosed, disputed the majority opinion and called for a display of fireworks paralleling the Toronto community response last spring to their UN conference.

The CIC statement drafted at that meeting and released a week later, he said, "by nature of its brevity, could not be as expressive of the reasons behind its position." However, he was in agreement with its general thrust.

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Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut

Merger proposal to be examined

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A preliminary structure for the long-awaited merger between the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, and Allied Jewish Community Services will be presented to representatives of both organizations within a month's time.

The plan will be drawn up by Leon Teitelbaum, chairman of Congress, Eastern Region, who was considered anti-merger by many observers when he took office in June, 1974.

The remainder of the executive are to be elected by the Montreal Jewish community at large on a regular basis.

Teitelbaum sees the amalgamated organization as having four primary functions — fund-raising, social services, education and miscellaneous departments.

It is hoped that the proposed structure will come into effect before the end of 1976 but disagreement over its chairmanship, form and personal misgivings especially among members of Congress make the situation still uncertain, Teitelbaum said.

The advantages, according to the Eastern Region Chairman, lie mainly in a sorting out of jurisdiction and the avoidance of duplication of services which currently presents a problem for both organizations. Teitelbaum believes money could be saved under a merger of AJCS and Congress and fund-raising could be more streamlined.

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World News

2,200 Israelis are questioned on income tax

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The Income Tax Commission has summoned 2,200 persons in the higher brackets for questioning to determine whether they have been paying the proper amount of taxes.

The spot check was the first step taken by the Treasury since it announced that tax collection procedures would be tightened to make sure the government gets the income it is entitled to by law.

The persons whose tax return will be scrutinized were selected on the basis of their living standards.

They include owners of large automobiles, pleasure boats and luxury homes and persons who make frequent trips abroad and are generally "known for their high standard of living," Treasury officials said.

The tax commission believes there are tens of thousands of persons who fit that category which is at sharp variance with the image of Israelis as a people heavily burdened by taxes and struggling to make ends meet. It does, however, confirm the existence of a deep social and economic gap in the nation.

Soviet magazine prints anti-Semitic, anti-Zionist article

NEW YORK [JTA] — The Soviet mass circulation magazine Kino has published a vicious anti-Semitic article in what appears to be another phase in the intensified campaign against Judaism, Israel and Zionism.

The entertainment oriented magazine is published in several editions across the USSR and is read by millions of people. The article entitled "Secret and Evident" appeared in all editions and was brought to the West by a tourist.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive-director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry said, "the article represents a new low for such propaganda. The danger posed to the security of Soviet Jewry increases as each new phase of this campaign unfolds. The use of a popular, widely read entertainment magazine

utilized the anti-Zionist resolution to justify the outrageous charges made in the Soviet media against Israel and Jews."

The Kino piece asserts: "It was absolutely not by accident that the leaders of Zionism and the Jewish bourgeoisie were in collusion with the Hitlerites. The Zionist leaders took care only of the chosen ones from the right families." Also in evidence are charges that "Jews are not loyal to the Soviet Union and other countries in which they reside. The whole disgraceful way of Zionism, is a way of insolent lies, suspicious intrigue, perfidy and murderous acts. Zionist leaders are trying to prove that the Jews of all countries are a part of one Jewish nation. Zionism is an ardent enemy of socialism and of the Soviet Union."



Protests following a number of votes equating Zionism with racism took place around the world. Prior to major soccer match in Israel, teams marched with officials, with a placard reading: "We, the sportsmen too, are Zionists." (IPPA photograph)

Fraser rejects Whitlam's 'pro-Russian' stance

New Australian PM backs Israel

By SAM LIPSKI

MELBOURNE [JTA] — Australia's newly elected Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, has declared that his government will strongly support Israel in the Middle East conflict. "We would want to make more plain our commitment to the survival of Israel," he said in his first major foreign policy statement.

Fraser rejected the claims of the defeated Labor government led by Gough Whitlam that it had conducted "an even-

handed" policy on the Middle East. He described it as a pro-Russian policy.

Fraser spoke on a Radio Australia interview in which he attacked the Whitlam government for having neglected Australia's traditional friends over the past three years. The Fraser government would try to strengthen relations with Australia's traditional friends which have "a clear philosophical commitment in common with Australia," he added.

The first signs of a shift

in policy came when Australia joined Israel, the United States, Canada and eight West European nations in a walk-out protest at a UNESCO conference in Paris. The walk-out followed the conference's adoption of a resolution "noting" the UN General Assembly's recent equation of Zionism with racism.

Fraser's strong declaration of support for Israel, which follows similar commitments made during the recent election campaign here, has encouraged Jewish

communal leaders. But they are waiting to see how the Fraser government will react when it will have to make decisions on more specific issues, such as allowing PLO representatives to come to Australia.

Another aspect which is being closely watched is the degree to which the Fraser government's pro-Israel and anti-PLO position could weaken if the United States modifies its own stand against the PLO.

As the new government in Canberra is anxious to

follow a Washington line in the United Nations and move away from the Whitlam government's identification with the Third World, much will depend on the lead given by the U.S.

While the Dec. 13 landslide win for Fraser's Liberal-National Party coalition to produce a more sympathetic understanding of Israel's position by the new government, Israel lost some of its friends in the Parliament.

Jew tortured after 1973 arrest Chileans free educator

NEW YORK [JCN] — Freed by the Chilean authorities after an outcry by many world scientists, including six Nobel prize-winners, Dr. Enrique Kirberg, a leading Chilean Jewish educationist, was arrested when the Allende Government was toppled in September 1973, has been reunited with his family in New York.

Dr. Kirberg, who was the president of the State Technical University in Santiago, has been appointed a professor at the Columbia University Institute of Latin American Studies.

He described in an interview the ordeal of his

arrest, and subsequent torture and transfer from jail to jail in chains until he was finally put into a tiny cell in Santiago with three other prisoners. For eight months, Dr. Kirberg was imprisoned on Dawson Island, near Tierra del Fuego, "where it is always cold and rains or snows most of the time." He added: "We were forced to work 10 hours a day, carrying heavy sacks and digging holes, often standing in mud and ice."

From there, he was transferred to another camp at Ritoque, where he learned for the first time he had been charged

with evading payment of income tax. Dr. Kirberg said that soldiers took over his university on the day the military junta overthrew President Allende and assassinated him. The soldiers seized and assaulted Dr. Kirberg, who was later placed in a small room in a military school with 40 other men, four of whom were Jews. The inmates included ministers, senators, professors and officials. Dr. Kirberg praised Moshe Tov, then Israel's ambassador to Chile, who intervened on his behalf, and the United HIAS Service, the world-wide Jewish migration agency.

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Convention in Israel: A milestone for Canadians

CZF Convention Chairman Louis D. Silver reports that preparations for the Fourth National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation are in high gear. The response to early releases was overwhelming and registration is in full swing. The slogan "Israel is Zionism — Zionism is Israel" underscores our priorities.

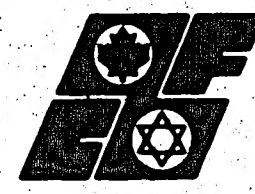
Zionists as well as unaffiliated members of the Jewish community are taking advantage of the exceptional convention trip package offered (\$670 from Montreal) which includes return flight by El Al jet, de luxe accommodation at Hilton Hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israeli breakfasts and several additional meals, as well as all convention program features: meetings with prominent Israelis, touring, workshop excursions for special interest groups, and much more. Arrangements for extended stays in Israel are possible upon request.

Planned for convention delegates and observers are gatherings addressed by the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, the Leader of the Opposition, cabinet members, the Mayor of Jerusalem and other luminaries. Israeli experts will give background talks during "workshops on wheels" focusing on topics such as Economy and Industry; Defence; Aliyah and Absorption; Education; Politics; Medical, Health and Research Institutions; Developing Urban Communities, and Minorities. The entire program combines touring with an in-depth study of the contemporary Israeli scene. Sightseeing excursions will cover many points of historical and archeological interest, off the beaten track and not accessible to regular tourists.

Registration is still open. A deposit of \$100 per person will reserve a place. All those who may be interested in attending the convention are asked to contact Bill Stern, Executive Director, C.Z.F. Central Region at (416) 787-6171.

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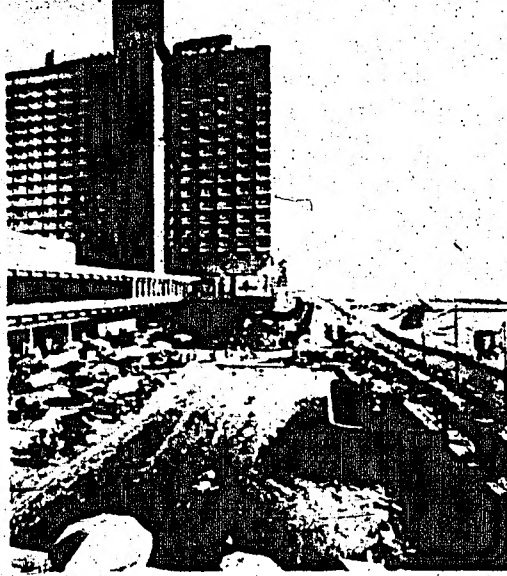


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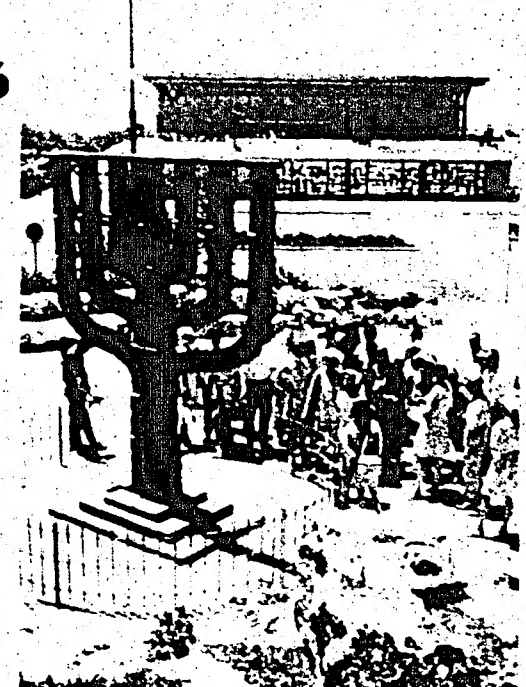
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Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and Mrs. McMurtry say farewell to their sons Erin (left) and Michael, and daughter Jeanie, prior to boarding plane to Israel. They left on Sunday. (Groskind photo)

MacEachen urged to intercede in Syria on behalf of Jewry there

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen has been asked to intercede on behalf of Syrian Jews when he travels to Syria during his trip to the Middle East this month. Judy Feld told a meeting sponsored by the U.I.A. Young Leadership Group of Hamilton.

"Only strong diplomatic action on humanitarian grounds can save the Jews of Syria," she said in her letter, copies of which have been sent to 20 members of parliament, and noted that "the Canadian Jewish community, as has been its policy in the past, will absorb and care for these people without burden on the Canadian taxpayer."

"In view of the good relations between Canada and the Arab countries, I feel the Canadian government can attempt to break the ban on Jewish emigration," said the chairman

of the Committee for Jews in Arab Lands in her first speaking engagement since her address at the recent World Congress of Jews from North Africa, in Israel.

"Unfortunately this has not been the case. Several letters and telegrams have been sent to the Minister of External Affairs and to the appropriate representatives of every political party...but in the return correspondence expressions of sympathy were mentioned throughout but in no letter have any government officials offered to take any positive

action, nor has there been any positive response from the Jewish parliamentarians. On the contrary, they have been evasive and at times even obstructive," charged Mrs. Feld.

She urged Canadian Jews to ask their elected representatives, members of the federal parliament, Prime Minister Trudeau and External Affairs Minister MacEachen "through letters and telegrams, to speak out publicly for Syrian Jews and to make available visas for those without the necessary family relations."

All-Canadian museum of Judaism planned

From Our
Montreal Bureau

MONTREAL — Preliminary plans are underway for the establishment of the first all-Canadian Jewish Museum at Samuel Bronfman House.

It was conceived by Saul Hayes, retired national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and sponsored by the surviving members of the late Samuel Bronfman's brothers' children. Details of the museum's final form and location are still under consideration.

Hayes, an avid collector of Jewish Canadiana, had for some years been concerned over the absence of a strictly Jewish museum in Canada. Although many synagogues and other institutions in this country have displays of ancient relics and historical documents, none are concerned solely with Canadian content.

"The Jewish community in Canada has existed since 1769 but little is known of its history by the community in general or even the Jewish population, especially among Jewish schoolchildren," said Hayes. "One of the best ways of teaching them is through a museum."

The dominant theme is to "create a museum that is alive, not just one with exhibits of dead showcases" through the use of modern audio-visual techniques which will give the viewer a lasting and exciting impression of the 200-year history of Jews in Canada.

migration in the late 19th century to Montreal, Toronto and later to the Prairies (this will involve the creation of a map of Canada with colored bands indicating the immigrants' movement). It will also feature growth of the Jewish labor movement, the Canadian role during the Holocaust and war years, the effect of Israeli state-

Cancer research lab is to be established at Technion Institute

WINNIPEG —

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Technion Society, Mr. Justice Roy J. Matas, a member of the Technion board of governors, announced that Mr. & Mrs. Alex Mitchell and Mr. & Mrs. David M. Copp are establishing a research laboratory in hematology (cancer research) at the Technion School of Medicine in Haifa.

The Medical School first opened its doors in November, 1969, as part of the Rambam Medical Centre. In 1971, it became an integral part of Technion — Israel Institute of Technology.

Alex Mitchell had served on the board of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, and together with Copp, conceived the idea of endowing a laboratory in Israel which would relate to and have close ties to the Manitoba Institute, and asked Dr. Leonel Israel, professor of medicine at the University of Manitoba, to design, arrange and super-

vision this project. David Erlik, dean of medicine at the Technion Medical School, visited Winnipeg and together with Mitchell, Copp and Dr. Israel, drew up a plan for a program which would establish a laboratory at the Technion Medical School and exchange personnel and students between that medical school and the University of Manitoba.

The plans provide for the acquisition of equipment, the exchange of scholars and professors between Haifa and Winnipeg, and the introduction of joint research projects, especially in the field of leukemia. It is expected that this program will be underway early in 1976.

statistics from 1871-1971. Rome is a member of the planning committee chaired by Mrs. Saidye Bronfman and composed of Allan Bronfman and Hayes.

Technical advisors who were involved with Expo '67 have been consulted and one large company, unnamed by Hayes, has produced three of the exhibits. No building contracts have been awarded yet.

Hayes' original plan in 1972 was on a much smaller scale and was not intended to include Samuel Bronfman's immediate family. The sum donated at that time was considered sufficient, but financing has since become one of the factors hindering the progress of the museum.

Other problems are differing opinions on the feasibility of some of the audio-visual techniques proposed, content and presentation, and the location of the museum. The main, or lower floor where the library was once housed, have been proposed but certain advisors believe Congress would not make a suitable site. "The construction of a new building for the museum is totally out of the question," Hayes said.

It was initially hoped that when the story line was completed it would take only six to eight months to build the muse-

um. Hayes said that the schedule would be put back two years if the employment of a audio-visual equipment was dropped.

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Family Service offers counselling

By ANITA HURWITZ

WINDSOR — The Jewish Family Service department of the Windsor Jewish Community Centre offers 15 hours of therapeutic service weekly. It is staffed by two part time case workers, Gertrude Hemberger and Paul Blizman. They are assisted by Joseph Eisenberg, executive director of the WJCC, also a trained social worker.

The functions of Family Service are threefold: to be supportive of people in the community who are having problems and who require help with these problems; to aid people in crisis, and to head off problems. The Windsor Jewish community is small and close-knit. People are often afraid to come to Family Service, concerned about the confidentiality of their sessions. The Family Service department is located so people can come in without being seen; privacy is guaranteed. The case workers maintain a professional ethic and personal information is not spread.

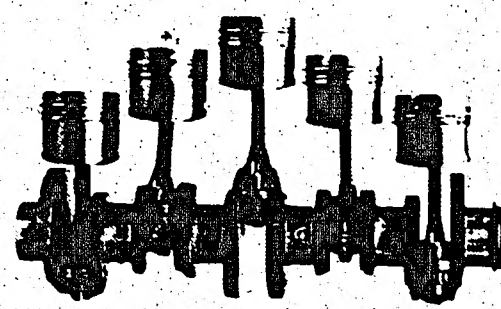
Mrs. Hemberger and Blizman help people find and choose more productive methods of handling their problems. Instead of talking at their clients, they explore with them, assisting their clients in identifying their problems and developing insight into these problems. Working with children, adolescents and adults, they offer counselling in such areas as difficulties with children and with parents, personality problems, career guidance and marital problems.

Both case workers stress the fact that a counsellor cannot be prejudiced, and must accept people as they are. Results are reflected in the changes that occur in clients. Mrs. Hemberger said: "We don't change people; we help people to change themselves."



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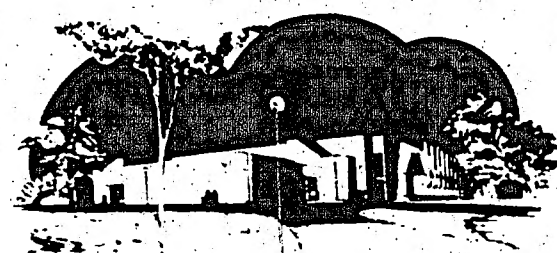


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UNESCO rebuked over charge Jerusalem digs are 'detrimental'

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which has lost its reputation as an impartial body by its attacks on Israel, has been rebuked by an international committee of scholars, architects, clergymen and civic leaders.

This committee gave the lie to UNESCO's charge that Israel's archaeological excavations were detrimental to the historic character of Jerusalem and should be discontinued. A resolution adopted at the closing session of the annual meeting urged Israel to continue the digs around the ancient city "in the interests of mankind."

The anti-Israel bloc in UNESCO attempted to make political capital out of the excavations near the site of the Wailing Wall, charging that the Israelis were endangering the Al Aqsa mosque, one of the most sacred shrines of Islam. Scientists who knew the charge was empty of truth were unable to make their voices heard amid the cries of denunciation aimed at Israel.

What makes the Jerusalem Committee's

resolution significant from a public relations standpoint, is that non-Jews make up the majority of the membership. For the first time they had the opportunity of seeing for themselves what actually was happening at the site of the digs, and what they saw and heard convinced them the work was being carried out with skill and understanding. The members said in their resolution that the civilized world was in the debt of the Israeli government for its commitment to the task of bringing the buried past to life.

Canada was one of a dozen nations that withdrew from a UNESCO-sponsored conference last week in protest against an anti-Israeli resolution adopted earlier by UNESCO. The attempt by the United Nations agency to be a platform for political warfare against the Jewish state, has aroused worldwide protest and the United States reacted by cutting off financial aid to the organization.

Israel remains a member of UNESCO, despite the machinations of the Third World majority in the membership.

Maximum efficiency in fund-raising requires restoration of discipline

The basic premise of a federated fund-raising campaign, such as the United Jewish Appeal is simple: one maximum effort by the community on behalf of all worthwhile and approved causes; a single administration; concentrated promotion; a greater sharing of responsibilities with less drain on the time and energies of the volunteers.

The expected results: More effective campaigns at minimum cost and a greater feeling of community participation.

Federated campaigns have worked and are working well in North America. Local Jewish community services and educational systems have benefited and expanded greatly as a result. Since the Jewish Agency became a partner in these campaigns, vast sums have been raised for Israel. The funds allocated to the Jewish Agency (usually about 80% of what is raised) are used in Israel to pay for immigration and absorption, social welfare, health services, education, institutions of higher learning (universities), youth care and training, agricultural settlement and housing.

The UJA effort in Toronto is augmented by the Jewish National Fund, Hadassah and other long-established fund-raising organizations and by the investment program offered by Israel Bonds. But there is never enough to cover all requirements. The current budget of the Jewish Agency, for example, lists a "deferred" budget of \$160 million for essentials which are being postponed because the money will not be available this year.

Because Jewish philanthropy is voluntary, there is no way to levy a tax that will supply the necessary dollars. The result is that a number of Israel-based agencies and institutions turn to North America — and particularly Toronto — to campaign on their own, even though this is contrary to the UJA agreement with the Jewish Agency and despite the Agency's emphasis on the primacy of the UJA.

The benefits to those agencies and institutions which are campaigning on their

own (and the list gets longer every year) are open to question. Their administration costs are high compared to UJA costs — approximately 4% in Toronto; their campaign periods often infringe on UJA time; they make heavy demands on lay people who probably would otherwise be able to give more of their time to the UJA.

The unhappiest side of the story is that the multiplicity of campaigns is causing considerable confusion in the community and, regrettably, some cuts in UJA gifts. Whether it's valid or not, there are contributors who claim they can only give so much and use conflicting campaigns as an excuse to reduce their UJA gifts.

In view of the fact that the UJA has the heaviest responsibility in the community to raise funds for Israel and for local needs and because so much has to be raised from so many people (the 1976 goal is \$25 million from 30,000 contributors) nothing should be allowed to interfere with the annual campaign. Those in the community who are involved in other campaigns — either in UJA time or during the rest of the year — should consider seriously whether this is the wise course to follow. Would it not be better, perhaps, for all that extra effort to be expended on making the UJA so successful that there would be little need for side campaigns. We mounted a \$26 million campaign two years ago and we're talking about raising up to \$25 million this year. Is it so hard to believe that a \$30 million, or \$40 million or even \$50 million campaign may be possible in the future?

The time has come to restore some discipline in fund-raising — and this must apply to all organizations engaged in it. Toronto is a generous community and that generosity should be channeled essentially into one major UJA campaign, which does the most with the dollars received at the lowest possible cost. With the proper co-operation and discipline, we can maintain and far exceed the record of generosity we have established up to now, and Israel will benefit.

Does naive or blatant anti-Semitism motivate husband of war criminal?

Russell Ryan is either incredibly naive or just blatantly anti-Semitic. He is the husband of Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, the 56-year old Austrian-American housewife being tried in West Germany for complicity in the murder of at least 250,000 Jews at Majdanek concentration camp between 1941 and 1944.

Mr. Ryan, a New York City electrical technician, is waging a costly legal battle to save his spouse from what is certain to be a long and deserved prison term. She was extradited from the United States in 1973, and although the Bonn government is paying the expenses of her trial, Mr. Ryan says he is still struggling with the legal fees for his wife's unsuccessful five-year fight against extradition.

The high financial and psychological cost of preventing his wife from being brought to justice has embittered and confused Mr. Ryan. Thus, he describes the Dusseldorf trial as "a barbaric action" instigated by "tremendous pressures exerted by American Jews," and he cannot understand why Jews "refuse to forgive and forget" 30 years after the last Jewish corpse was shoved unceremoniously into a crematorium.

If these convoluted remarks were the extent of Mr. Ryan's outbursts, they could easily be forgotten and ignored. But Mr. Ryan, going one step further, stumbles into one of the favorite stomping grounds of professional anti-Semites, two of whose most loathsome arguments are that the concentration camps were not really death camps; and that the number of Holocaust victims was grossly exaggerated.

Faithful to these anti-Semitic canards, he contends that concentration camp inmates were not necessarily exterminated and that the infamous Auschwitz was merely "an experimental farm" without any extermination ovens. In another claim that even defies meticulous German documentation, Mr. Ryan grandly proclaims that estimates of six million dead are greatly overblown.

Topping off his wild assertions is the fantastic claim that his wife is innocent because she told him so. He has the right to believe what he wishes. But a cynical or foolish distortion of the plain unvarnished truth will certainly not bring him any closer to the realization that Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan is a war criminal whose judgment day has finally come.



Golda Meir's personal jewelry was auctioned off recently on behalf of the Soldiers' Welfare Association. This solid gold wrist watch went for \$1,200. Auction brought in over \$4,000. At right, Elias Matar, a Greek Catholic from Haifa, gives blood at Mogen David Adom to aid victims of the fighting in Lebanon. He heads a Christian relief committee helping out co-religionists. (IPPA photo)



Rabbi offers 10-point criteria for successful life in new year

By BERNARD BASKIN

A decade or so ago in a poignant end of the year column in the New York Post, Max Lerner, historian and journalist, raised his glass "to the failures." He drank to the rejected. To those who had hoped for love during the past year and had been disappointed. To the married ones who were not truly mated. To those who had made plans that had miscarried. To all who had tried to build something of their own — a small business, a project, a family, a career — only to have the faulty and unfinished structure go to pieces around them.

He wrote: "I drink to the eccentrics, the square pegs, the men living on the margin of their society. To all the people who will never 'amount' to anything, never be men of distinction, or women of glamor, never crop up in the calendars of celebrities. To the lonely ones. To the women — poor and rich alike — having dinner alone. To the children. To those with children who had watched them grow up, only to find that they became strangers. To all of these I drink with the hope that they will find their way in the world in the coming year."

Why do we respond to these sentiments? Why are we touched by these words? Because they radiate a kind of warm and genuine sympathy that runs counter to the prevailing thinking of our society. The philosophy of our time and culture — despite what we teach our children and the ideals to which we pay lip service — is that "good guys finish last," and that "the victor belongs to the spoils." The dominant note of our age is struck with the words: "You have to be a winner." To be second-best is too often regarded as being second-rate.

Now, I am all for excellence. Ambition is a spur to growth and achievement. It is only natural to want to win or succeed. But what I deplore is the widespread compulsion to win, the almost neurotic necessity to come first, the feeling that if one does not cross the finish line a victor something glorious has been lost.

What is wrong with this obsession with winning, this overriding need to be Number One? What is wrong with it is that it automatically makes most of us losers. There is only so much room at the top. This attitude disregards the different tasks we face in life, as well as the varying qualities with which we are endowed.

Our society is built on a division of labor; every kind of work is vitally important to the whole. As long as a person does what comes to his hand to do, and does it with honesty and diligence, he is contributing to the sum total of human good. The food we eat, the clothes we wear are the products of thousands of skills and hundreds of hands. The teacher, the banker, the inventor, the engineer, the designer, the weaver, the electrician — each is vital to the entire process, and if one fails in his task, then all of us are the poorer. Each of us is important — no matter what his work or profession — to the welfare of all others.

Moreover, there is no positive correlation between success and happiness. Are the famous and celebrated ones of the earth the happiest? On the lofty peaks of success are to be found loneliness and insecurity. High positions — create the tensions that result from onerous obligations and the need to make significant decisions.

The wealthiest of men must wonder, at times, if they are admired for themselves, or the favors that they can bestow. Who would not trade his fortune for the restoration of the health we usually take for granted? Some of the most admired of personalities would trade fame for obscurity if it could bring the assurance of a secure home and loving children. What the world regards as success is often a sham and illusion.

As the New Year dawns may I offer the following criteria. You will be a successful person in 1976 if you:

1. will find the resources — regardless of your age and position — to keep your mind alive, active and curious;



Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Hamilton.

2. will be able to get along in mutual understanding and regard with your spouse and your children;
3. will find a measure of meaning in your work and the satisfactions that come from the knowledge that you are earning your bread honestly and without deceit;
4. can be guided by your own standards

and values, rather than by those of your neighbors;

5. have won a few good friends whom you admire and who add a measure of zest and comradeship to your life and activities;

6. are able to accept the good and bad life with equanimity; not made arrogant by the former or embittered by the latter.

7. can spend some time alone and make use of your own resources without falling into loneliness or panic;

8. can forget yourself long enough and your own problems to reach out in genuine concern and consideration for others;

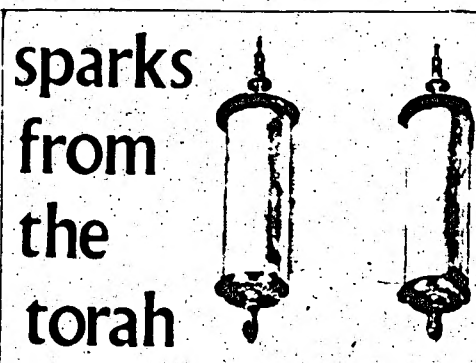
9. can participate in a religious tradition to the extent that an added dimension of faith, stability and drama are added to your life;

10. can feel that you are reaching for your full potential and experiencing new ripening of mind and spirit.

The glory of Canada consists not in the extent of its territories, the richness of its forests, the majesty of its rivers, the heights of its mountains, but in the maturity of its citizens. How long will we continue to identify bigness with greatness, price with value, activity with achievement and position with success? Too long have we boasted of our standard of living. May we, in 1976, be able to stand up to our standard of life.

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'One needn't be rabbi or melamed to teach others Torah,' says rabbi



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bo
V'ovartee b' Ezeret Mitzraim ba'lalla hazeh... For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night...

If it were as easy to pick a winner at a prizefight as it is to choose who's a good Jew, we'd all be rich. Why? Every Jew's a winner...

A wealthy man supported the saintly Reb Pinchas of Koritz. The more he gave, the more he himself prospered. Once he discovered that Reb Pinchas himself was a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov. He figured — why should I give the student when I can give the master? He stopped helping Reb Pinchas and supported the Baal Shem Tov.

But from then on, his luck went from bad to worse. He ran crying to Reb Pinchas. The tzadik explained — "when you gave without asking questions, they blessed you from heaven with an open hand. But once you started picking and choosing who's more worthy, they began checking how deserving you are..." (Ahl HaTorah)

Every Jew has more sparks than Ontario Hydro — not electricity, but holiness. All he needs is to turn himself on with Torah. Consider... when deep darkness descended on Egypt, "u'lchal B'nai Yisrael hayah or b'moshvotam" — all the Children of Israel had light in their dwellings...

What kind of light was it, table lamps, fluorescent bulbs? But it teaches... however much a Jew drifts away from his roots and seems to be lost in darkness — hayah or b'moshvotam, there is a spark of light dwelling in him, and all it needs is someone to kindle it. (Reb Israel of Rizhin)

The old Yetzer Horah is working hard to con us. What do I mean? He's spread the

rumor that only scholars can be teachers, but a plain Jew — "who am I to teach others when I hardly know myself?" And if a person has only a morsel of bread, shouldn't he share it with someone who has none?

Who says you have to be a rabbi or melamed to teach Torah? You don't even need a union card. There is a special place in Gan Eden for those who gather a few fellow Jews together — or even one — and teach about Yiddishkeit. And who gains most of all? The teacher, of course...

Imagine... when the Almighty performed His great miracles, he commanded, "Iman an' tsaper" — tell your children and grandchildren... that you may know I am the L-rd... Moses scratched his head. Everything is mixed up — first tell your children, and then you yourself will know? It doesn't make sense...

But the Ribono shel Olam said — "listen, the best way to learn is by teaching others. That way you have to know what you're talking about..." (Toldot Adam)

Ah, but the old Yetzer Horah sticks in his nose again — "who has time to study, you have a business to look after..." But it's just babbles. G-d never lets anyone down. That's why we find an interesting thing... When we put on the tefillin sheliyah, it's always supposed to be on the weak, clumsy hand. Why? But the Ribono shel Olam said — "listen, bigshots, know that with all your wheeling-dealing, you can't accomplish anything unless I give you the strength and cunning. Trust in Me..." (Nachalat Chamisha)

A young wife was expecting for the first time. The old wives began to tell her horror stories of what it feels like to go through labor. (They never heard of Dr. Lamaze). She got so frightened, she told her husband — "I don't want to go through all that, let's move to another block..." (Baal Shem Tov)

Whatever happens in the world, we Jews never seem to escape the chevel Maalich — the labor pains of Deliverance. Where can we run to? Our only hope is in G-d and His Torah. Shabbat Shalom.

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David Sarnoff overcame poverty and became name in electronic field



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By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

It was Jan. 3, 1930. In the upper echelons of the Radio Corporation of America, position changes were being made. When all was done, the company found itself with a new president — 38-year-old David Sarnoff.

With the Depression hanging over the world economy, it was a most inauspicious time to assume control. But, then, to Sarnoff, gargantuan obstacles were nothing new.

Born in the shtetl of Uzlian in Russia (where people spoke not of wealth, but of degrees of poverty) on Feb. 27, 1891, he was separated from his family by the age of five. His father left for New York to earn enough money as a painter to pay for the family's passage and young David was sent, for four lonely years, to study with a granduncle elsewhere in Russia.

Then came arrival in America, life in the squalid East Side tenements and 18-hour days trying to learn English, sing in the synagogue choir for \$1.50 a week (years later this love of music led him to establish the Dr. Walter Damrosch "Music Appreciation Hour" on radio and the NBC orchestra, originally conducted by his friend Arturo Toscanini) and sell newspapers to help the family of four sons and one daughter, survive.

The first step to fulfillment of the American dream began for him at the age of 15 with his first full-time job as a \$5-a-week messenger boy for the Commercial Cable Company and continued until the name "Sarnoff" would become almost synonymous with the word "electronics." (His name first became known when, during the sinking of the Titanic, he was the only radio operator to receive the names of the survivors which, for 72 hours straight, he relayed to the rest of the world.)

Then came his predictions that gave him stature in the electronics field (and, also, won him the respect of scientists like Guglielmo Marconi). For example, he personally pushed the earliest sales of radios, predicted in 1922 that there would be radios in cars, believed the radio and phonograph could be combined (the Victor Talking Machine Company joined RCA) and saw the use of color television far in advance of others.

There were also his varied contributions to the general public for which he received dozens of honorary degrees, the rank of brigadier general in the American army (for services rendered during World War II in communications) and such awards as the Cross of Commander from the French.

Sarnoff lived well (he moved into a six-story house in New York with his wife, Lizette, and their sons Robert, Edward and Thomas), but he would never attain the fabulous wealth that many others achieved in the industry; Sarnoff's main goal was scientific achievement.

Today, the fact that billions throughout the world turn radios, televisions and other gadgets on and off and watch satellites orbit their planet, is greatly linked to the life of Sarnoff — a success story that has earned its rightful place in the history books.

ask the rabbi Orthodox forbidden to use elevator on Sabbath day

1. Can people living in a high-rise use the elevator on the Sabbath if they have to operate the buttons?

Orthodox rabbis would answer "no" to your question because there is the old question whether causing an electric light to go on falls under the heading of making "fire" on the Sabbath, and even where no light goes on, it is argued that it is forbidden to set an electric current in motion.

It can be argued by Conservative rabbis that neither of these is a valid reason for forbidding the use of an elevator on the Sabbath. It is not at all clear that there is any objection to setting electricity in motion.

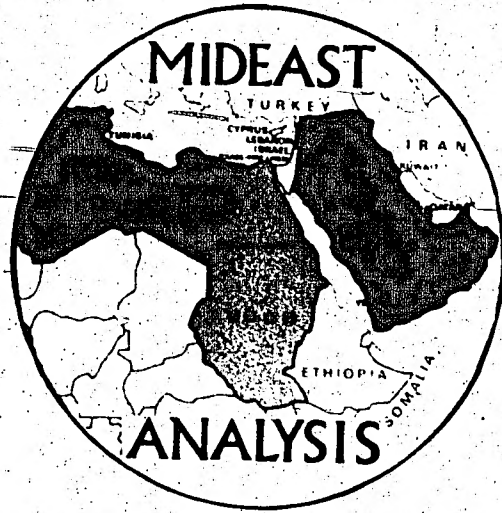
Even where a light is produced, it can be argued that to switch on an electric light does not fall under the definition, given in the Talmud, of making fire.

Orthodox rabbis would rule that it is forbidden to press the buttons. So the way out would be to wait until the elevator is going up or down in any event, i.e. when non-Jews are using the elevator.

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Rakab Communists capture 11 of 17 city council seats

Election in Nazareth indicates Palestinian problem within Israel



By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The dust of the Yom Kippur War had hardly settled when an Israeli Arab named Toufik Zayad wrote a highly controversial poem entitled *The Great Crossing*. Extolling the Egyptian assault across the Suez Canal in the opening stages of the October conflict, the poem shocked and angered many Israeli Jews but swelled the pride of many Israeli Arabs.

Toufik Zayad, a 47-year-old Communist, was elected to the Knesset in December of 1973 partly on the strength of *The Great Crossing*. His impeccable Arab nationalist credentials have now earned him yet another devastating electoral victory. Zayad's Democratic Front, an alliance of the pro-Moscow Rakab Communists and local professionals and academicians, captured 11 of 17 Nazareth city council seats while

Zayad himself became the mayor of Israel's largest Arab town.

To the Israeli government, Zayad's landslide triumph was regarded as an unmitigated disaster — the most conspicuous display of Palestinian nationalist sentiment among the Arabs of Israel since the founding of the country. The Arabs, however, rejoiced. When the results were announced Zayad and his jubilant supporters drove through the rain-soaked town, the birthplace of Jesus, in a shouting, horn-honking celebration.

Jerusalem is concerned by Zayad's accession to power because his conquest is yet another disturbing expression of nationalist feeling among Israel's 450,000 Arabs, and a sharp indicator that Israel faces a Palestinian problem within her own borders.

Until the Six Day War, Israeli Arabs were quiescent. But when they came into contact with their politically conscious fellow Arabs in the occupied territories, the community in general was galvanized, awakened to its submerged Palestinian identity. This process was greatly accelerated by the Yom Kippur War when Arab armies shattered the myth of Israeli military invincibility.

Pride in Arab arms soon developed into something of an amorphous political philosophy. While leaders in Jerusalem thus denounced Yasser Arafat and the PLO, an increasing number of Israeli Arabs spoke out in favor of the organization and the need to recognize the urgency of creating a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Rakab, nominally an Arab party which has several seats in the Knesset, capitalized on this sentiment while Toufik Zayad

exploited the popularity which *The Great Crossing* had achieved for him. Reacting to Rakab's vigorous campaign election, the Israeli government undertook to block a Communist victory in the town of 40,000.

Premier Rabin dispatched two cabinet ministers to Nazareth before the vote. Housing Minister Avraham Ofer warned the inhabitants that government assistance would be reduced if the Communist candidate won. And Labor Minister Moshe Baran declared that Israel "should not tolerate a mayor who could be an agent of Arafat and the terrorist organizations."

Likud member of Knesset, Amnon Linn, then impugned the loyalty of Israeli Arabs by claiming they were plotting a revolt should a Palestinian state be set up on the West Bank. He also urged harsh measures against any Israeli Arabs suspected of sympathizing with the PLO.

The threats and the speeches misfired badly, probably increasing the size of Zayad's victory and stirring tension and resentment among the Arabs of Israel. Mohammed Abassi, the Arab assistant advisor to the minister of education and culture, complained to Premier Rabin about the intemperate remarks. Rabin, sensing a dangerous situation, attacked Linn by proclaiming that Israeli Arabs were loyal citizens and could not be fooled by PLO rhetoric. He did not single out his ministers for exhortation.

By last week, the bitterness and recrimination precipitated by the election in Nazareth had still not subsided; and observers predicted that if the government carried out its tacit threats of non-cooperation with the new Nazareth council, relations with the Israeli Arab community might grow still more strained.



Arab residents of Nazareth line up to vote in municipal election of last month. An Arab Communist won the mayoralty race, underlining the fact that Israel has a Palestinian problem within its own frontiers. No other town in Israel has a Communist mayor. (Starphoto)

Letters to the Editor

Cutoff of Masada funds 'unnecessary and unwise'

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Masada funding issue, we, the undersigned, believe the recent cutoff in funding was unnecessary and unwise as Masada is the only Jewish student newspaper published. Editorial incompetence, the alleged offence, is not a sound basis for the abrupt withdrawal of funds.

If Hillel and the JSF believed editorial changes were necessary, the solution lay in a discussion with the editorial staff, but not in the extinction of the paper. With editorial restrictions Masada's fervent Zionism would undoubtedly be replaced with the historic Jewish passivity that is useless in today's society.

Dr. Allan Gross and 43 others,
Toronto.

'Bad times' loom

Dear Editor:

I am a grade 11 student attending a North York high school. I think it's time that the Jewish community hear from its youth.

The main problem with the Jews of the Diaspora is that they are deaf and dumb! Is history to repeat itself? Is it necessary for Jews to disregard all acts committed against them whether openly or subtly? From what I can see of various world events, we are on the brink of a dark abyss.

We have fallen into this abyss too many times: in biblical times, and most recently, in Auschwitz, Treblinka, Dachau etc. And always the flame of Judaism has survived in the far corners of the world. As often as it flickers and splutters, but at times it flares up strongly. Unfortunately, it inevitably flares up too late, when the damage has already been done.

World events as they now stand, seem to herald bad times for us. The United Nations vote equating Zionism with racism is an obvious indication of this. It appears that countries that are supposed to be supporters of Israel, and also the media, are playing up news of Israeli reprisals while giving minimum mention of the initial Arab assault that led to the reprisal.

In addition to these things, the governmental hypocrisy of Canada in allowing members of the PLO into Canada on a veritable hate tour, is not reassuring.

It is up to politicians to rectify these conflicts. It is up to ourselves to keep Israel strong. This does not only include buying a bond on Rosh Hashanah, giving to the UJA or buying trees.

Keeping Israel strong means going to Israel to learn about the country and about yourself. For parents, it means keeping a Jewish atmosphere in the home and ensuring that their children receive a Jewish education that will stimulate their positive feelings toward Israel and Judaism. It means taking a stand rather than fading completely into the background. It means being proud to be what you are. It means seeing and hearing what goes on, reading between the lines, and finding solutions so that that dark abyss will fade further and further into the past rather than loom nearer in the future.

Deborah Wells,
Toronto.

PLO responsible

Dear Editor:

May I restate some relevant facts about the PLO that may have been forgotten. The basic thesis of the PLO's covenant of 1964 and reiterated in 1968, is "the destruction of the state of Israel." In 1974, the PLO

decided, in arrogant fashion, that "all Palestinians, no matter what their political beliefs, belong to the PLO." In other words, the PLO, non-elected and entirely unrepresentative, suddenly interposes itself as a "liberation organization," with a shiny and untarnished image.

We have seen the result, a naive, brain-washed and totally ignorant group of 72 countries at the UN, paying lip service to the Soviet and Arab bloc, and condemning Zionism as being racist.

As we have heard, at meetings here in Toronto and in Ottawa, the PLO dissociates itself from the terrorist activities of the murder gangs operating against Israel. Truly, these are empty protestations voiced by the PLO. The PLO does recruit the terrorist from the ranks of Fatah and other groups.

It is convenient for the PLO to proclaim that they have no official connection with these murder gangs.

Louis Steinberg,
Toronto.

Dollars for David

Dear Editor:

Pioneer Women would like to express their sincere appreciation to the readers of The Canadian Jewish News who responded so warmly to Chanukah "Dollars for David."

To the many readers who missed their envelopes this year because of the mail strike, Pioneer Women has made sure that the many children who benefit from this fund were not forgotten at Chanukah. Any contributions will still be gratefully accepted.

We also wish to thank The Canadian Jewish News for their kind co-operation and support. "David" is the hope of Israel. Let us continue to brighten his Chanukah.

Goldie Burstein,
"Dollars for David" Convenor,
Toronto.

Soccer field murder tragic occurrence but 'doomsday prophecies are ridiculous'

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Orit and Sara, ordinarily popular members of my daughter's sixth grade class, have felt like outcasts these last few days. Nothing has changed in the outward attitude of the other youngsters towards them. But the fact that they are from Kfar Givoli — a hitherto little known Rehovot suburb that leapt into the news last week when a local soccer fan murdered the star of a rival club in a playing field brawl — has temporarily set the two girls apart from their classmates.

They are among some 100 youngsters from the North African and Yemenite families of Kfar Givoli who are being bussed to the elementary school in our middle-class neighborhood precisely to avoid their being cut off from children whose parents are lawyers and professors rather than gardeners and factory workers.

Dear Editor:

We wish to congratulate the "35s," who participated as part of a nation-wide campaign, by bringing our petition to the attention of Trudeau and Diefenbaker (CJN Dec. 19) in Ottawa on Human Rights Day.

B'nai Brith, Hadassah, Mizrahi, National Council, Pioneer and ORT Women are organizing their strength across Canada in order to reach our goal of 1,000,000 Canadian names to plead for freedom of the Prisoners of Conscience in the Soviet Union.

These organizations and all synagogues which are under our umbrella in Toronto are gathering thousands of names. The petitions will be returned by the representatives at our meeting on Jan. 15.

Ruth Raymond of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry has worked exhaustingly for the national success of this petition. Prominent people in politics, in the media and in the arts and sports world were solicited for their support on Human Rights Day. Jeanette Goldman, who is in regular telephone communication with the Soviet Union for NCJ, acted as hostess for the official sign-in ceremony at the city-hall in Toronto, where Mayor Crombie was an important participant.

Jews and non-Jews alike are asking "haven't all human beings the right to freedom?"

We shall take our petitions to the World Soviet Jewry Conference in Brussels, Belgium on Feb. 17, 1976, and in a unified global effort we shall petition the government of the USSR to recognize "human rights" and relieve the suffering of the P.O.C. and take pity on their wives and children.

Phyllis Sugar,
chairman, Women For Soviet Jewry,
Toronto.

'Too few care'

Dear Editor:

If we had Israel 40 years ago, might we have saved our six million? After 28 years of having Israel, we take it for granted and forget the agony when refugees had nowhere to go.

Few agonize today over Jews unable to escape persecution in Russia, Syria, Iraq or even how Israel suffers from the 28 years siege and economic blockade by Arabs.

The Pope and Christian world ignore killing their own in Lebanon: we cannot expect

their help. With Palestinians killing brother Arabs, their plans for Jews are obvious.

We saw Hitler's plans in the '30s and did too little and gave too little to save our six million. Today the PLO-led Arabs want to complete Hitler's plans.

We still do too little and give too little: too few of us seem to care. We continue our communal bickering which lost us our land 1,905 years ago.

Today, the world demands sacrifices from us to "rescue" the PLO and Arab refugees. They forget our refugees who never had the UN aid given to Arabs. Palestinians already have 80% of ancient Israel, named today Jordan; some live as Israeli citizens, others in our regained land, many in Canada and the 20 other Arab lands but they demand our land. No one asks Russia to give up Latvia or Ukraine. Only Israel must give up land.

Maybe the fault is also ours! Herzl said "The return to Zion must be preceded by the return to Judaism." We are proud to be Jews but how Jewish are we nowadays? Especially when it makes comes to sacrificing for Judaism and Israel.

We claim Israel is ours by gift from God: then we must act accordingly with all that involves; not mere lip service. We need to speak up, tell our press politicians, government, UN our views, not be the Jews of silence. And let us pay up when it comes to UJA and not need to be asked and begged and badgered to do our duty as Jews.

Charles Anthony,
Toronto.

Column 'enriches'

Dear Editor:

I wonder how many people really enjoy Rabbi Meir Gottesman's column *Sparks from the Torah*?

This writer wishes to acknowledge with gratitude his great spiritual message every week. It has a deep enriching feeling that money can't buy. It makes me aware of my personal identity of being a proud Jew and where my sense of direction is. He has like a tree, deep roots and bears fruit and enables each and everyone of us to branch out and grasp knowledge to the fullest. G—d bless this great man and his loved ones.

Howard Rosen,
Downsview.

Winds of change ruined our fortress of rigid Yiddishkeit



By J.B. SALSBERG

(Last of series)

Alas, our shtetle, the physically unimpressive fortress of rigid, East European Yiddishkeit, thrived for only a few short years.

The chevre Tomchai Shabes (also referred to as the Jewish salvation army), in the heart of our first Jewish concentration, on Chestnut Street, began to wilt and decline before it reached maturity. In retrospect, it is clear that its years were numbered from the outset.

The spiritual roots of the transplant found the Canadian soil inhospitable for survival. In addition, the winds of change that struck the young Jewish community doomed the efforts to insulate the small group from the larger body that surrounded it. Nevertheless, one must acknowledge that the relatively short life of our shtetle was not entirely barren of accomplishments.

The shtetle had some splendid "baalei tfilah" (lay chazanim) like my favorite Reb Loozer Himelfarb, who was ably supported by the fine voice of Reb Yossel Burstyn and my own soprano. In its humble atmosphere there matured a young shocheit whose piety and trustworthiness guaranteed kosher shechita.

The small chevre helped one of its own ranks to learn all that there is to know about koshering meat and then helped him to open a "glatt kosher" butcher shop a few doors away from our shtetle. That zealous group also became the main economic prop for a kosher milk venture. An enterprising Jew acquired two milch cows, kept them in a stable in the back of his house and we went there daily for our supply for kosher milk.

Our shtetle also excelled with its weekly "Shalesh Sudes", (the Seudah Shlishit — the third meal of the Sabbath) that usually began as the Sabbath sun was setting. Shalesh Sudes took place in the shtetle, of course. The menu for the "third meal" would cause our present-day, suburban gourmet to run for cover. But it was quite alright then. In fact, it didn't prevent our shtetle originals from begetting sons and daughters who, in turn, begot grandsons and granddaughters who now claim to be connoisseurs 'extra-ordinaire' of French cuisine.)

In our shtetle, except when a member had occasion to bring a kugel

or cake, the menu consisted of challe, herring and a small keg of beer. That's all. But what occasions those weekly affairs became!

The reluctance to part with the Sabbath caused the shtetle members to extend the "meal" to long after the rest of the Jewish neighborhood had surrendered to the hustle and problems of the week. Stores in the area were open for business and people filled the sidewalks of Agnes (Dundas St.) while the Tomchai Shabesniks continued to sit around the long table of the unit shtetle singing their hearts out to the traditional tunes of Shalesh Sudes. They were the very last group to accept the inevitable separation from the Sabbath Queen.

But all that notwithstanding, the shtetle continued to lose ground. Of the older children some escaped and others just slipped away to more satisfying surroundings. A medical doctor, a young bootlegger, a prize-fighter, a hobo, a millionaire, a couple of political activists, all those matured from that first crop of shtetle teenagers.

The wives of the members also succumbed to alien influences. More and more of them "exposed their own hair." At first, such displays of femininity were modestly protected by tiny wiglets above the forehead. But soon those taken concessions to tradition shrank drastically and became no more than naughty pretences of wiglets. Eventually the abbreviated abbreviations were also discarded.

But it was the new generation of native-born children that a c t u a l l y hastened the end of our shtetle. How to provide it with an education that would approximate the old country tradition became a major worry for the Tomchai Shabes people. They were too small to establish a school of their own. The "Simcoe Street Talmud Torah" (now the "Associated") was not sufficiently "traditional." The birth of the "Poilishe" Talmud Toyreh" (Eitz Chaim) seemed to have met all requirements. As a result, more and more of the shtetle stalwarts (including my father) transferred their dedications to the new educational institution, which also provided congregational facilities for its adult supporters.

The arrival of the renowned Rabbi Yehudah Leib Graubart accelerated the shtetle's process of dissolution. Rabbi Graubart's reputation and authority provided the basis for a large scale regrouping of Orthodox Polish Jews in Toronto. Eitz Chaim became the rallying point of it all. Our shtetle passed into history.

Well, dear readers, our brief journey into the past has come to an end. The time has come to return to the problems and realities of life. What? Some of you still want to linger for a while? Do so, but I must hurry back. You may meander along Agnes Street, see "Little Eaton's" (a hole in the wall emporium), visit one of the many ice cream parlors and stop in front of the Lyric Theatre and admire the pictures of the Jewish actors. But don't stay too long.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN



CANTORIAL CONCERT

The second annual cantorial concert presented by Shaarei Tefillah Congregation on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m., features Cantors David Kusevitsky (of world-wide fame), and the synagogue's own Ben Zion Miller. Concert committee chairman Ben Raskin points out that this event marks the inauguration of the congregation's 25th anniversary year. Tickets are available from the synagogue office and the Negev Bookstore.

REPORT FROM ISRAEL

A public meeting to hear a Personal Report From Israel, by Israel Appel, chairman of the Borochov Movement, and Dr. Sydney Wax, Labor Zionist Alliance national president is being sponsored by the LZA Central Region on Wednesday, the 14th. The two speakers will be giving a first-hand rundown of the General Council (actions committee) — World Zionist Organization meeting held in Jerusalem earlier this month. The time is 8:30 p.m. at the Bialik Auditorium.

ART AT THE LIBRARY

Various branches of the North York public libraries will be displaying art exhibits by Canadian artists this month. On the list are Marita Engel's landscapes and portraits at Bathurst Heights; Steven Gruber's watercolors and prints (centering around his layouts for a soon-to-be-published children's book) at Pleasant View; Michael Ruck's scenic and portraits at York Woods; Saul Field's collection of prints from his Bloomsday Suite (based on James Joyce's *Ulysses*) and his birds series at Humber Summit; Edwin Chau's Western-style landscapes and Chinese brush paintings at Willowdale, and a photograph exhibit by Octave, an association of professional photographers, at Don Mills.

EDUCATION THROUGH STAMPS

Two items of interest have come in from the Canadian Association for Israel Philately. First — The association has organized a youth program for religious schools in the Toronto area. That means that CAFIP has resource persons available to provide background information, lectures, and help in setting up educational programs and exhibits. The service is free of charge.

Second — York University students can participate in the York Stamp and Coin Clubs being run by CAFIP director Jeffrey Jacobs. Meetings are held Tuesdays and Wednesdays in S173 of the Ross building. Check the school newspaper for specific times and topics.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

A group of Jewish War Veterans of Canada leaves next week for the World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans being held in Jerusalem. The tour departs from Montreal on the 19th and includes several days of sightseeing both before and after the conference, which runs from Jan. 26-29. Toronto's General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be repre-

sented by Phil Ely, Dave Elie, Joel Sacks and John Wallace. The group returns Feb. 4.

ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM

Anti-Semitism is always a matter of great concern. And the Sunday, Jan. 11, meeting scheduled by the adult education committee of Shaar Shalom Congregation will deal with the subject with a skit and discussion put on by the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights. It is entitled *Which Land Is Your Land?* The meeting is called for 8:30 p.m. at Fairview Mall Auditorium.

SEMINAR ON ISRAEL

Sunday the 11th is also the date of the first of five seminars on Israel in Congregation Beth Am's adult education series. Experts in various fields will lead the different sessions and Sunday's speaker, York University instructor Ilan Kogus, will cover *Israel: Land of Contrasts*. It begins at 8:15 p.m. at the synagogue.

JEWISH STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

A Jewish Studies graduate scholarship is being established by the Jewish Studies Course Union at the University of Toronto. The scholarship is for anyone with an undergraduate degree from U of T going into a graduate program (at a recognized university) leading to work in a Jewish field on an academic level (that is, for an MA or Ph.D.) or on a community level (education; social work). If you are interested in being a part of this venture, you can send a cheque (it's tax deductible) payable to the University of Toronto, to Mr. Phillips, Student Awards Office, Simcoe Hall, at U of T. And if you want more information, call Lana Kideckel at 633-1272.

INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCING

The new series of international folk-dancing at Adath Israel Synagogue begins this month. The group meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. For information, contact instructors Doris Epstein at 633-4045 or Reva Diamond at 633-1274.

HEALTH LECTURE

The Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis has a meeting coming up on Wednesday, the 14th, at 8:30 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Hospital for Sick Children. The topic is *Nutrition* and it will be discussed by dietician Elizabeth Darch and gastroenterologist Dr. J.R. Hamilton.

KUDOS TO EL AL

For the first time, an Israeli commercial institution was selected for the Stephen S. Wise Award for distinguished service to Israel. El Al was presented with the 1975 award recently for its contribution to both the economy and security of the country and for its commitment to the continuous survival of the Jewish state. The award was initiated in 1949 and past recipients include Golda Meir, Arthur Goldberg, Averell Harriman and Samuel Bronfman.

Soybeans prove to be delicious as well as nutritious, inexpensive

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Purchasing meat in Israel is almost an act of patriotism. Although meat prices have dropped all over the world, Israeli prices still remain high. The explanation? The economy could do with the extra revenue. So, in view of the staggering budget of IL 88 billion, just announced for the coming year, it looks as though meat prices are going to remain boosted for a long time. Nevertheless, one

wants to splash out occasionally — even with beef chuck at the post-devaluation equivalent of \$1.50 per pound, steak at \$2.75, and tongue at \$3. So, for the holidays I made quite a sizeable order at the butcher's.

My husband nearly fainted when he saw the bill, and has been haunting the markets ever since, trying to find cheap vegetarian substitutes for my expensive tastes.

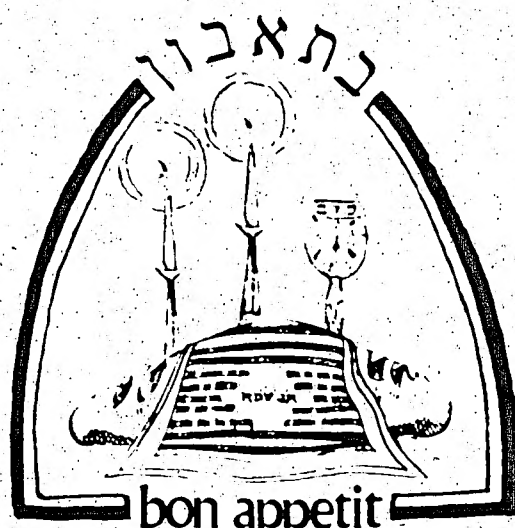
The other day, he triumphantly carted home a bag of dried yellow soybeans. I received them with a marked lack

of enthusiasm. He is well aware of my distaste for soy chips. They look and taste like plywood chips: have an unpleasant texture, and a pervasive and far from appetizing taste, which can only be disguised with such prodigious amounts of tomato puree, eggs, onions, lemon juice and expensive spices and herbs, that the whole exercise becomes somewhat futile.

But my husband assured me that soybeans are different. For several consecutive nights he barricaded himself in the kitchen and turned out soybeans in every con-

ceivable shape and form — and I had to admit that they were delicious.

As to price — at IL 4 per kilo, they are the tiniest fraction of the price of meat. And as for their nutritive qualities: A 1/2 of a cup of soybeans is equal to 3 1/2 ounces of steak. If the soybeans are combined with eggs, milk, peanuts or rice, the equivalency shoots as high as 7 1/2 ounces of steak.



Dave's Soybean Slaw

1 cup cooked yellow soybeans
2 cups shredded cabbage
1/2 cup coarsely chopped raw peanuts
1/2 cup diced unpeeled apple
1/3 cup raisins
1/3 cup mayonnaise
2/3 cup plain yogurt
salt to taste

1. combine soybeans, cabbage, peanuts, apple and raisins in large salad bowl
2. mix mayonnaise, yogurt and salt together, and pour over salad ingredients, stirring well

Dave's Curried Soybeans

2 cups cooked soybeans
1 large onion finely chopped
1/2 medium-sized eggplant, soaked and diced
1/3 cup raw peanuts
1/3 cup raisins
1 can peeled tomatoes
1 tbsp. curry powder
1 tsp. sugar
salt and pepper to taste
shredded coconut, bananas and tomatoes for accompaniments

1. fry onion in 2 tbsps. oil, till golden. Add diced eggplant and fry rapidly till browned, then add drained chopped peeled tomatoes and stir in the curry powder, sugar and seasonings

2. now add the soybeans, peanuts and raisins and pour in up to 1 cup of the liquid from the canned tomatoes, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes

3. serve over generous helpings of plain boiled white rice. Accompany with little bowls of tomato wedges and sliced bananas mixed with shredded coconut. Serves an indeterminate number: 3-6, depending on portions of rice and appetites

To Cook Dried Soybeans

2 cups dried soybeans
water, salt and oil

1. wash and pick over beans thoroughly and soak overnight. If you pressure-cook them, this step may be omitted. Next day, place beans and soaking liquid, plus additional water to cover, in large pot. Salt to taste, and simmer till soft (at least 3 hours)

2. alternatively, pressure-cook the beans, after washing thoroughly. Add water to cover, salt and 1/4 cup oil and cook for 40 minutes

3. drain and cool the cooked soybeans and refrigerate until required for use. n.b. 2 cups dried soybeans will produce well over 6 cups cooked soybeans

Shabbat Shalom!

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Achievements awe politician

HAMILTON —

Anne Jones, chairman of the regional municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, was the first to officially sign the Canadian Women's Petition when she declared Wednesday, Dec. 10 to be International Human Rights Day.

"I feel honored to be asked to sign this petition," said Mrs. Jones during the informal ceremony which took place in her 38th floor office in the new Century 21 building.

"When I see what Jewish people have done under so many storms and so much stress I stand in awe," she continued. "I have talked to scores of people who came here from other countries and I know how much they value freedom."

Samuel Solfer, executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation,

told Mrs. Jones that several Jewish families from the Soviet Union have recently settled in Hamilton and that they had been much moved by the thought that Canadian officials are so friendly. Also present at the ceremony were Marlene Paikun, the recently appointed chairman of the Women's Division of the UJWF, Marjory Baskin, Muriel Beattie, president of Hamilton and District Councils of Women in Canada and Heather Hobbs of Amnesty International.

Following the signing of the petition, Mrs. Beattie said she had been disturbed by the decision of the National Council of Jewish Women to withdraw from the National Council of Women of Canada. "I feel there isn't any issue on which the NCJW and the Council of Women cannot agree."

...about people



Max Enkin

When Max Enkin was installed as honorary president of Holy Blossom Temple recently, he became the third man to be so honored in the temple's 125-year history — the other two were Sigmund Samuel and Edmund Scheuer. A past president of Holy Blossom and obviously still one of its guiding lights, the 70-year-old clothing manufacturer is involved in numerous facets of community life. He received an OBE for his contribution to the war effort — he was associate clothing administrator for the wartime prices and trade board in 1942, and after the war was a member of the Canadian delegation that visited Europe's displaced persons camps, carrying out a government plan to bring trained clothing workers to Canada.

A move to warmer climes is on the boards for Rabbi Richard Marcovitz and his family. The former Beth Tzedec assistant rabbi has been appointed spiritual leader of Agudath Achim Synagogue in Savannah, Georgia. The Jewish community there, numbering about 3,000 people, stems back to colonial days. The Agudath Achim congre-

gation was established at the turn of the century.

For those who think that Vidal Sassoon's only claim to fame is in the world beauty salons, here's an additional fact. Apparently this highly successful pioneer in women's hairstyling is a hero of Israel's War of Independence, and as such was the guest of honor at the very first Beauty Hall of Fame award dinner of the American Jewish Congress held in New York recently. He joined the Hagannah in 1948 (after paying his own way from London) and took part in a grueling 17-day campaign to regain control of the one road through the Negev leading from Tel Aviv to the Gaza Strip. A special guest at the dinner was his commander David Carmel, now associate professor of agricultural engineering at the Technion in Haifa.

Ontario's new ombudsman, lawyer Arthur Maloney, is the guest speaker at Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood's dinner meeting this Wednesday, the 14th. If you are planning on going — cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30.

A one-time Israeli air force pilot has been appointed to the presidency of the Pacific Region of the Zionist Organization of Canada. He is Harold Orloff, a Vancouver life insurance underwriter whose flying career started with the RCAF during World War II and continued in Israel after the establishment of the state. He succeeds Bruce Zien.

According to a Congress I.O.I. bulletin, a joint delegation, made up of Maurice Silcoff, St. Bressner and Elie Chalouh of the Jewish Labor Committee, and Bernie Morris of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, were in Ottawa recently to meet with Canadian Labor Congress President Joe Morris. The discussion centred on Middle Eastern issues, with the delegation expressing "the Jewish community's anxiety over organized labor's silence regarding the UN resolution characterizing Zionism as a form of racism."

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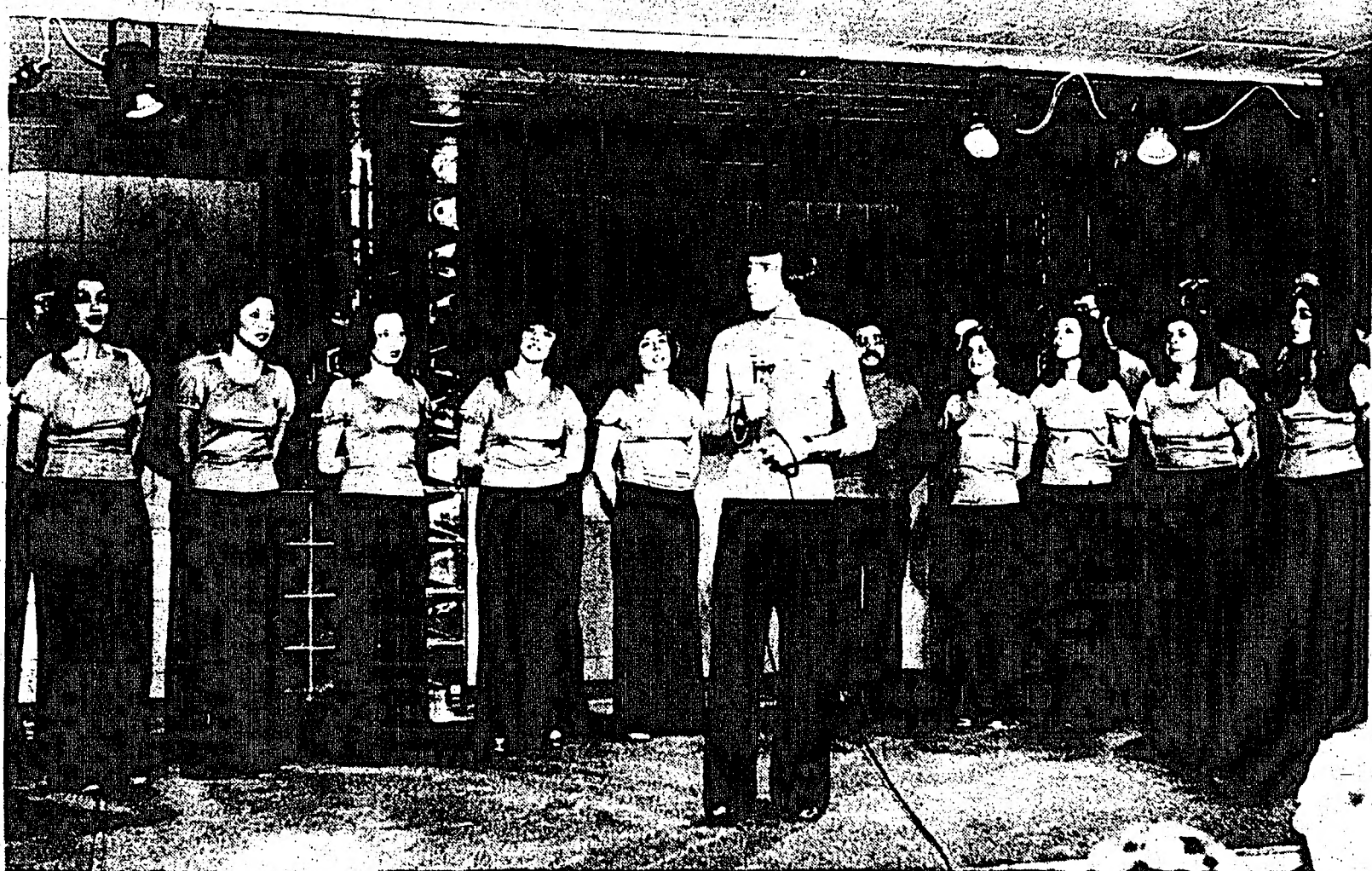
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The Kinor Choir made up of 45 young Jews, all natives of Morocco, were among the many participants of a weekend of Jewish culture in Quebec City. Canadian Jewish Congress presented the unique event at Laval University. (Congress photograph)

'Attempt to build understanding between communities'

Francophone students exposed to weekend of Jewish culture

By JANICE ARNOLD

QUEBEC CITY — In a unique experiment, Francophone students at Laval University were exposed to a weekend of Jewish music, drama and literature under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The inspiration of Ruth Lazarus, program director for Congress, eastern region, the whole undertaking was a resounding success, with audiences at times composed of 60% French-speaking students and faculty members.

It also was a rare opportunity for Quebec City's 60-family Jewish community to enjoy entertainment in Yiddish.

The Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre presented "Hershele Ostropolier" under the direction of Dora Wasserman and with original music composed by Eli Rubinstein on the Saturday of the weekend.

Although entirely in Yiddish, the French speaking members in the audience were able to appreciate the play, based on the legendary stories by Gershenon of a sort

of Jewish Robin Hood and adapted by Montreal writer Mordecai Husid, through extensive program notes. But the real meaning of the drama was communicated by the lively songs and dancing.

"It was terrific. They had fun and they loved it. Everyone was applauding and stamping their feet," said Mrs. Lazarus.

Sunday night the Kinor Choir made up of 45 young Moroccan Jews under the direction of Davy Dadoun of the YM-YWHA and Michael Ruben, Chassidic ballad singer-guitarist with accompanist Allen Nadler sang between them in Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, English, and French.

The Laval weekend was the very first attempt to bring greater understanding between the French and Jewish communities in Quebec and Mrs. Lazarus' suggestion that the program be extended to a week next has been well received. The proposed week would include lectures by academics in French on such topics as the Holocaust and Jewish literature as well as cultural presentations. An Oneg Shabbat in Congregation Beth-Israel Ohev Shalom, Quebec's solitary synagogue, might also

be on the itinerary.

It is no coincidence the weekend at Laval was held during Jewish Book Month which this year featured increased participation by Montreal's French Jews. One hundred French books of Jewish content lent by Librairie Maor were displayed in the university library. Many of the books were translations, but a good number were written by Parisian and North African authors. The suburban Ste. Foy municipal library and Librairie Garneau, a bookstore, displayed Jewish Books for the first time.

A similar presentation as that held at Laval is being mapped out for the French language University of Sherbrooke which this year had its initial collection of 50 Jewish books in its library.

"This is a very, very positive step in understanding each other's culture," said Mrs. Lazarus. Historically the Jewish community has been an anglophone one. Now there are close to 20,000 French Jews in Quebec who have emigrated largely from North Africa. There is also a growing awareness of French in the province among English-speaking people.

Beth Tzedec negotiating with Conservative body

NEW YORK, N.Y. —

The United Synagogue of America leadership say they are "encouraged" now that Beth Tzedec Congregation has reopened negotiations regarding their affiliation with the 825-congregation body of the Conservative movement in North America. The synagogue has been under suspension since October.

One of the leaders contacted by The Canadian Jewish News, USA President Arthur Levine, said he had visited Toronto recently and spoke with the Beth Tzedec board of governors. "The feeling is one of hope," he said in a telephone interview. "Their reaction was generally favorable regarding affiliation."

The congregation, which faces expulsion from the USA, was suspended for failing to remit its dues. Under

suspension, Beth Tzedec is ineligible for any rights or privileges in the Conservative movement, including education and youth services, and participation in conferences and conventions.

The CJN contacted the senior Beth Tzedec officer available for a reaction, first vice-president Dr. Louis Harnick, but he refused to comment.

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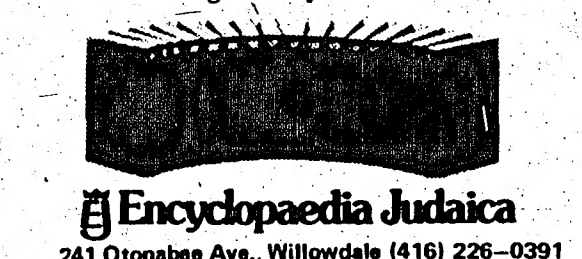
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OPINION: King of Kensington comedy 'pleasant way of spending Thursday'

By LYNN SLOTKIN

The CBC has finally seen the light and created a program about the most colorful area of the city, Kensington. The show, *King Of Kensington*, is about Larry King, a variety store owner by trade, but a mayven on everything else by temperament.

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His mother Gladys wonders why he can't make such a good living since he has so much know-how to solve everybody else's problems. And his wife Cathy stands stoically, offering sup-

port for his crazy schemes, but also standing up for her rights when she feels strongly about an issue.

The show, created and developed by Perry Rosemond, is quite topical. During the mail strike there were a few well-

placed, but good natured jabs, at the mess the country was in because of our annual postal strike. Other shows touched on women's liberation, immigration problems, and the ease with which people can be tricked by a smooth line.

The cast is pleasant and quite competent. Al Waxman, with his "tweakable" cheeks, is charming as ever smiling, always jovial Larry. Fiona Reid lends a seriousness yet easiness to Cathy, his wife. And Helene Winston as Gladys is wonder-

ful with her permanently knit eyebrows and ever present sigh on the tip of her tongue.

All in all, watching the show is a pleasant way of spending part of a Thursday night, and the CBC has realized this and renewed it.

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- What does the act cover?
- apartments • houses
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 - mobile-home sites • rent-geared-to-income units
- What are the exceptions?
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How does it work?

If you have entered into or renewed a tenancy agreement which became effective between July 30, and Dec. 31, 1975, inclusive, you should be aware that:

The maximum rent increase for such agreements cannot exceed eight per cent of the rent charged during the last full month prior to Aug. 1, 1975, unless:

- (a) the tenant and landlord agree on a higher rate of rent, or
- (b) the landlord obtains the necessary approval from a rent review officer.

A landlord may apply to a rent review officer for permission to increase rent more than eight per cent. A tenant may file an application with the landlord requiring him to justify any increase. These applications must be made by Jan. 31, 1976.

Should a landlord and tenant agree on an increase in rent above the eight per cent guideline, they must complete and sign a rent increase agreement no later than Jan. 17, 1976. Copies of these agreements should be kept by both parties. Forms may be obtained by writing Rent Review, Box 580, Postal Station F, Toronto, M4Y 2L8. Or you may wish to use the form published recently in this newspaper.

However, a tenant may cancel such an agreement by completing a statement of revocation within 30 days of the signing of the agreement.

By signing a rent increase agreement the tenant waives the right to appeal the increase during the period July 30, to Dec. 31, 1975. The tenant also waives the right to collect a rebate of rent as provided for in this act, other than the amount of rebate, if any, stated in the rent increase agreement.

Rent increase agreements do not apply for any period after Dec. 31, 1975, and do not constitute a waiver of the tenant's right to appeal the amount of rent charged on or after Jan. 1, 1976.

The rent increase agreements do not relieve the landlord from his obligation to obtain approval from a rent review officer for any rent increase charged on or after Jan. 1, 1976 that is more than eight per cent of the July, 1975 rent. Where the landlord and tenant do not agree on a rent increase above the eight per cent, the tenant is entitled to a rebate of any rent paid in excess of eight per cent by Feb. 16, 1976. If the landlord fails to make such a rebate the tenant may apply to a rent review officer.

If a tenancy agreement becomes effective or is renewed between Jan. 1, and July 31, 1976, inclusive, you should know:

A landlord who wishes an increase of more than eight per cent must file an application with his rent review officer and notify the tenant at least 60 days before the increase is scheduled to become effective. In respect to those rental increases taking effect between Jan. 1, and Feb. 29, 1976, the application must be made by Jan. 31, 1976.

A tenant who wishes to appeal an increase has 60 days in which to file an application with his landlord requiring him to justify the increase. In case of a hearing, a date will be set by the rent review officer and both landlord and tenant will be notified. After the hearing the rent review officer will establish the rent, and may order retroactive adjustments.

What is a tenancy agreement? A tenancy agreement gives a tenant the right to occupy a particular dwelling, or to renew the right to rent a particular dwelling. The agreement can be written, verbal or implied. In other words, even if you don't have a written lease you are covered by the legislation.

For written agreements, the important date is the date the agreement comes into effect, not the date on which the agreement is signed. Rent review legislation is tied to the dwelling on an annual basis with the July, 1975, rent taken as the base rent.

Who attends hearings? Tenants, landlords or their representatives should attend rent review hearings. Failure to appear or be represented removes the right to appeal the rent review officer's decision.

The hearings will be informal, and every effort will be made to keep the procedures simple so that individuals may conduct their own cases. A rent review officer has the power to call witnesses and to order the production of the necessary documents.

Tenants should be aware that, should they appeal their rent increase to a rent review officer, the officer could permit the landlord a greater increase than the one originally demanded. Where a landlord has been required to justify an existing or proposed rent increase, the rent review officer may adjust the rent to an amount below the original rent level.

Until the rent review mechanism is in place, please do not telephone. You can obtain further information on the Residential Premises Rent Review Act by writing: Rent Review, Box 580, Postal Station F, Toronto M4Y 2L8.



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Organizations and People

Amos Tal summarizes achievements, disappointments

Gaining confidence of Jewry goal of Bank Leumi

By Sheldon Kirshner
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Amos Tal, Bank Leumi Group's representative in Canada, has been here for one year now and while he is pleased with the results his organization has achieved so far, he says much has yet to be done in alerting the Jewish community of the bank's existence.

Tal, speaking on the first anniversary of the establishment of the

bank's office in Toronto, also disclosed that while he is satisfied with the number of small depositors (\$5,000 to \$10,000) recruited to date, "the potential market is much bigger, and it is our long-range objective to gain the confidence of the people."

Theoretically, Tal, a 36-year-old native of Tel Aviv, should have little or no trouble persuading investors and depositors that Bank Leumi is a

going, stable concern. With assets of \$7.2 billion and with some 8,000 employees in Israel — and throughout the world, Bank Leumi stands in 96th place among the world's 500 largest banks. The bank has 300 branches in Israel and an office was opened recently in Los Angeles, he disclosed in an interview. With its 2.6 million accounts, the Bank Leumi Group is the largest bank in Israel.

According to Tal, Bank

Leumi is just as competitive as any other bank in Canada. "But our advantage is that we can give people higher interest rates on short term deposits," he explained. "Our rates can be 1/4 to 1/2 higher because we're very active in the Euro-dollar market scene."

The favorable interest rates, he continued, are possible because "when you want to penetrate a new market you must be ready to accept lower profits."



Amos Tal

In spite of Bank Leumi's readiness to be flexible, Tal says he has encountered some difficulties.

For one thing, the Canadian market is simply covered, and "Jews are very loyal to their banks." But perhaps this obstacle could be overcome if Jewish organizations here and in Montreal did more to promote the bank, in Tal's opinion. "There should be common cause be-

tween us and the Jewish community, though I want to emphasize that we're not a charity," he said. "If we give them the same level of service as Canadian banks, we'd like their business."

Tal thinks business can be further encouraged if Bank Leumi is permitted by the government to open branches in Toronto and Montreal, the primary money markets. However, branches cannot be considered until Canada changes the Banking Act, he noted.

In the meantime, he said, the bank is formulating plans to open an office in Montreal to complement the one already in Toronto. Tal, who commutes to Montreal almost every week, claims that the Quebec market "is not less attractive to us" than the Toronto one.

Although Bank Leumi serves a largely Jewish market (they are United Israel Appeal's main banker, for example), he

says they also perform another function by supplying information to Canadian companies planning to do business in Israel. Among the firms that have dealt with the bank are Babcock-Wilcox, the suppliers of turbines for the Israel Electric Corporation; Canadian Pacific Hotels and Canada Wire.

Amos Tal, a personable Sabra, took up his present position after having been the Jewish Agency's emissary in Montreal for three years. He holds a diploma in business administration from the London School of Economics and a degree in economics and law from the Hebrew University. Before coming to Canada

he was assistant to the chairman of the board of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel.

He is married and has two children, a son and daughter. His wife Hedva teaches Hebrew at Keren Hatarbut.

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Medical school and technological university merge in city of Haifa

By GOLDA N. BERG

TORONTO — When one considers medical education in Israel, the first institution which naturally comes to mind is the Hadassah Medical School affiliated with the Hebrew University.

But few realize that Haifa, which refuses to be second best as a tourist and cultural centre, also boasts a unique fledgling medical school of its own. Unique, because it is one of a few such schools in the world to be fully integrated with a science institute — Israel's oldest institution of higher learning and the country's largest applied research institute, the Technion.

In Toronto as part of a North American tour, the dean of the Technion Medical School, Dr. David Elik, is the first to praise this merger between a medical school and a technological university, which has already created interesting results in the interdisciplinary field of medical engineering.

Speaking to a small group of doctors and laymen at the Mount Sinai Hospital recently, Elik recounted the school's history from an institution with 42 students, voluntary staff and municipal funds of \$50,000 at its inception, to a facility accommodating 54 students with an operating budget of \$2.5 million.

The medical school, affiliated with Haifa's 1,000-bed Rambam Medical Centre, was initiated originally in 1969 to meet a growing demand for medical education in Israel, explained Elik. Many Israelis, like himself, were forced to study abroad, particularly in Europe, to receive medical training.

The school chose to merge with the Technion four years ago, rather than the liberal arts university in Haifa, because of the institute's long-standing international reputation in science and applied research.

The medical school, therefore, has a strong science orientation. High school students enter the six-year program after army service. Two years are spent in building up basic sciences at the Technion, including courses in bio-medical engineering. Another two years are centred on the medical sciences, with the final two years devoted to clinical work at the Rambam Medical Centre.

The co-operation be-

tween medicine and engineering has nurtured a rapidly growing discipline at the Technion — medical technology. In addition, medical problems created by Israel's wars have motivated Technion researchers to probe the mechanical workings of the body and inventive projects have evolved.

Two examples concern the rehabilitation of war amputees and burn victims. Physiologists, neurologists, electrical and mechanical engineers have joined forces in the development of artificial limbs controlled by brain waves. The agricultural engineering department applied some of its technology, used in irrigating arid soil, to the treatment of burn victims to produce interesting results — a moisturized bandage which aids in healing damaged skin.

Elik also described the advances in surgical techniques developed during war time. As well as acting as dean of the medical school, he serves

as chief of surgery at the Rambam Medical Centre and there was witness to the devastations of the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars.

The Rambam hospital, he explained, equipped with a helicopter pad and located on the seashore, served as the treatment facility for soldiers injured on the northern front of Syria. The advances in surgical treatments and larger equipment supplies resulted in better recovery and fewer deaths for soldiers treated in 1973. Improved vascular surgery prevented amputations; dialysis and kidney transplantation, round-the-clock teams in intensive care units and

labs also proved to limit fatalities.

Stressing the importance of the Technion to Israel's security in times of emergency, Elik pointed out its role in developing military hardware and strategy, as well as assisting Israel's industrial and economic growth.

He is a second-generation Technion man; his father, an electrical engineer, joined the science institute's faculty when the school opened in 1924. Elik's speaking and fund-raising engagements in Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton were arranged by the Canadian Technion Society.

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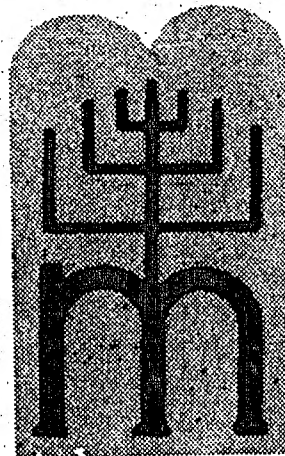
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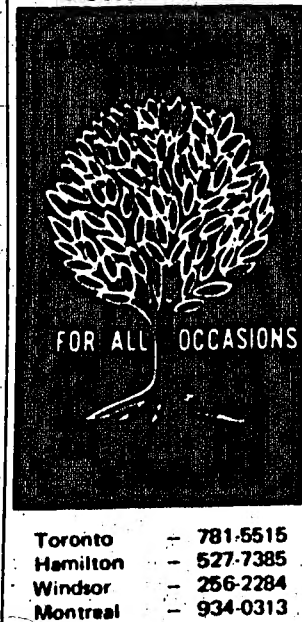
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Deep sense of urgency, concern for Israel's future widen ranks of UJA's new young executives division

TORONTO —

There is a deeper sense of urgency among canvassers in the 1976 United Jewish Appeal campaign than in previous years when there was no "war-

time emergency." That is the feeling that comes across from the fund-raising activity of a relatively new UJA division — Young Executives.

Under the leadership

this year of co-chairmen Art Kleinstein, Michael Florence and Frank Laurie, the division has made considerable progress in fund-raising and widening the ranks of

canvassers and potential contributors. The majority of Young Executives are in their early-30s and just beginning to make their mark in business and the profes-

sions. A number have come out of leadership development programming and many are first-time UJA contributors and canvassers. What they all share is a deeply-

felt commitment to Israel and Jewish community involvement.

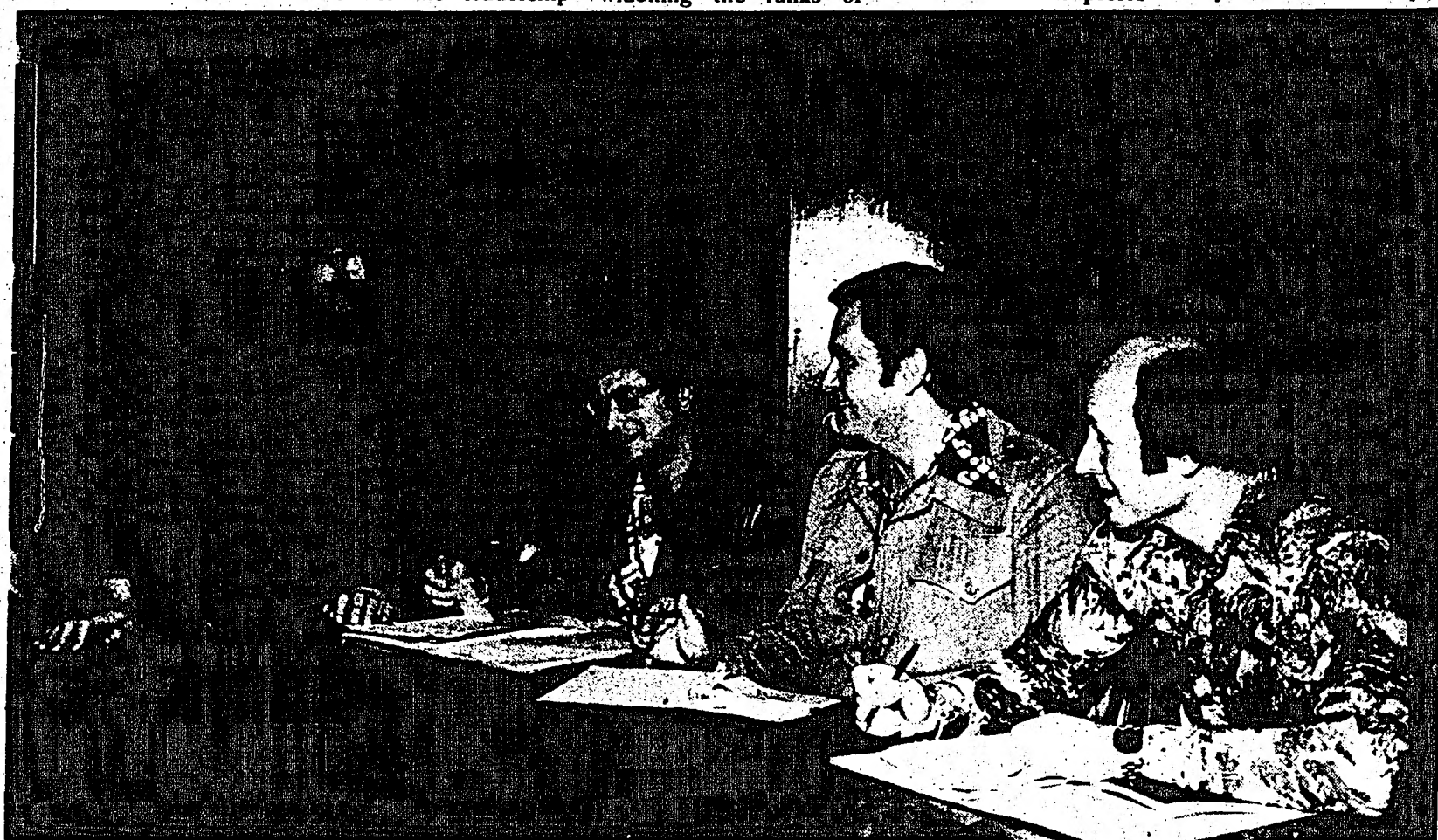
"There is a more personal concern this year for Israel and Jewish survival," Art Kleinstein commented. "After we heard campaign chairman Wilfred Posluns speak at our opening meeting, we realized what the stakes are and the part each one of us must play in ensuring our people's survival. He didn't pull any punches. He told us that what was raised in the past is not enough; it is no longer a matter of what we think we are capable of doing, but what we must do."

These sentiments were also endorsed by Michael Florence and Frank Laurie, who with Kleinstein, are running a more thorough and efficient

campaign than ever before in their division. To start off, a worker training session was conducted by Dan Rosenberg of New York, for chairmen, canvassers and contributors. Many new names were added to the list of prospects — young men who have never been approached for a UJA contribution until now. And as in all other divisions, a minimum increase of 25% is being asked of all past contributors.

"The name of the game this year is 'upgrade' and we're getting our message across," says Kleinstein.

The three co-chairmen who have been generous contributors in the past, have set the example for their division by making substantial increases in their personal gifts.



Going over lists of canvassers and contributors are members of the UJA Young Executives Division. From left are Tom Kirschner, co-chairmen Michael Florence and Frank Laurie, and Ron Seigel. Not shown is another co-chairman, Art Kleinstein. (Graphics photo)

Cotler optimistic about Jewish survival

Arabs' 'peace' means Israeli withdrawal

By KATHLEEN KENNA

MONTREAL —

The Arab concept of peace in the Middle East does not adhere to pacifist notions but rather is dedicated to the removal of Israel "from the face of the earth."

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University presented this opinion at the annual weekend symposium on war and peace in the Middle East held at the Shaare Zion Synagogue in Montreal.

Cotler based much of his lecture and subsequent opinions on interviews this year with members of the PLO, representatives of both Egyptian and Israeli governments, and Jews living in the Middle East.

He pointed out that while the Arabs speak of peace, they actually want only Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories and restored "rights" to the Palestinians. He said that the Arabs did not like to admit that there was any Jewish solidarity in Israel, preferring to proclaim that the state would eventually disintegrate from factionalism, thereby delivering itself into the hands of the Arabs.

While the chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East sketched a gloomy picture of the situation in the Mideast, he advised the more than 200 attending the symposium that there was always hope in Israel, and surrounding coun-

tries. Even in Damascus, where pockets of Jews live in ghettos under constant Arabian surveillance and control, he said, there is optimism that the Jews will triumph.

As long as there are Jewish children, he added, those living in Israel will fight to maintain their rights in the Mideast so that the young will have a stronger, more definite future there.

The lecture gave way to a discussion which showed many were concerned with the implications of the Syrian position as it related to Canadian Jewry.

The professor advised the group that they must not lose their optimism or their faith in the strength

of Jews in Israel and throughout the world. When decrying the persecution of Soviet Jewry, he added, Canadians should also focus attention on those facing similar difficulties in the Mideast.

He further asked that Canadian Jews consider the position of the Canadian government on the matter, and condemned its granting PLO access to the Habitat convention in Vancouver next year.

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Dr. Sydney L. Wax

"Make 1976 a Million Dollar Year for the Israel Histadrut Campaign of Toronto and the Histadrut Foundation." This was the exhortation contained in an address by Dr. Sydney L. Wax, newly-elected chairman of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign, at an installation evening and reception for officers and friends of Histadrut which was held at the Yorkdale

Holiday Inn.

In his address Dr. Wax outlined the colossal needs of the Jewish State and the responsibilities which Histadrut assumes in helping the government fulfill these needs. Histadrut is unique, Dr. Wax said, in its deep concern with the day-to-day welfare of Israel's working men and women and with closing the gap between the haves and have-nots.

Kupat Holim, which provides medical care for 90% of Israel's population; the Amal Vocational Schools of Histadrut, that with the help of the Amal Scholarship Campaign in this country, take underprivileged youngsters off the street and turn them into skillful, productive, self-respecting workers; the cultural and community centres of Histadrut that help to integrate newcomers into the social fabric of the State; the Histadrut

Foundation which through bequests and annuities purchased here and invested in Israel in a mortgage fund makes housing available for young Israelis — many of them veterans of the recent wars. These are but a few of the manifold functions of Histadrut and Dr. Wax appealed to his listeners for their utmost support of an institution that is so indispensable to the welfare of Israel's people.

A citation was presented by Dr. Wax to Victor Giblon, outgoing chairman of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign, for his years of dedicated service and efforts on behalf of Israel and the Histadrut.

A feature of the evening was the installation by Rabbi David Monsion of the newly elected officers and Board of Directors of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign.

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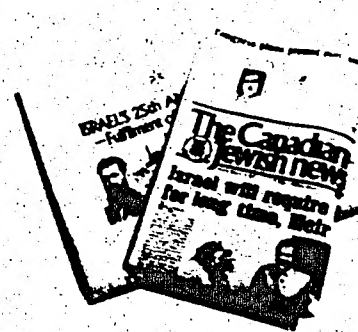
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Mordechai Shalev (left), ambassador of Israel to Canada, presents scroll to Louis and Rose Sharp for their work on behalf of Israel. Presentation took place at annual Toronto Histadrut dinner at Beth Tzedec. (Jacob El-Baz photo)

Within power of Arabs to abolish terrorist PLO'

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is within the power and self-interest of the Arab states themselves, victims of terrorist reprisal tactics — to eliminate the Palestine Liberation Organization within their midst, says Israel's ambassador to Canada, Mordechai Shalev.

Constant competition between Arab countries "to outdo one another in their hostility and devotion to the anti-Israel cause," has prevented them from doing away with the non-representative body of terrorists, the ambassador remarked at the annual Histadrut dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue last Sunday.

"It is ironic that the Arabs feel the terror they have created now directed against them," Shalev told an audience of 700, in commenting on the recent kidnapping of Arab oil ministers from the OPEC headquarters in Vienna. At least two Arab countries have experienced unexpected repercussions despite their unilateral backing for the PLO. Saudi Arabia, fearing a civil war that would shatter its feudalistic society, he noted, "has been paying protection money to the PLO to keep it off its back." But this financial blackmail failed to avert the terrorists from taking the Saudi oil minister hostage in the recent, short-lived air kidnapping.

The Christians of Lebanon, in an effort to protect their shaky minority rule, commented Shalev, "paid lip service to the Arab campaign against Israel and permitted Beirut to become the capital of Arab and international terrorism." The tragic, bloody civil feud unfolding in that state, erroneously touted as the bastion of Mideast democratic co-existence, is one more demonstration of Arab discrimination and racism, he added.

"Countries have advised us to negotiate

with the PLO, to withdraw to the 1967 borders, even before negotiation. But whatever the motives — Arab oil power, the desire for petrodollars or the honest misreading of facts, we will have to tell them this is not the road for peace.

"We are eager to make progress towards peace, even at the expense of territorial concessions, but we have not made sacrifices in order to create a situation...to facilitate the solution along the lines the PLO contemplate."

Regarding the last session of the UN General Assembly, he urged democratic countries, whose institutions and ideologies are now under attack by the totalitarian bloc, to support Israel "clearly and unequivocally on seemingly small things, as well as the larger issues."

The smaller "side-show" issues, he detailed earlier in his address, included the women's year conference in Mexico, the UNESCO meeting in Paris and the International Civil Aviation

Organization conference in Montreal which all drafted sideline attacks on Zionism. (Shalev made no reference to Canada's latest abstention on the ICAO resolution calling on Israel to halt its use of Jerusalem airport.)

The dinner, sponsored by the Toronto Committee for Histadrut, honored Louis Sharp, a prominent Histadrut benefactor, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Sharp and his family provided \$200,000 for the construction of an addition to a teachers' training centre for deprived students — the Midrasha at Ohalo, near Tiberias.

The Toronto Committee announced its goal of \$1½ million for the Israel Histadrut Campaign and an additional \$1½ million toward the Israel Histadrut Foundation.

Ontario Federation of Labor President David Archer in a short but well-received message, indicated the moral and financial backing of the Canadian trade union movement goes to Histadrut and the Israeli cause.

Feb. 23-March 3 UIA women's division seeking recruits for third Israel mission

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO — Looking to spark the spirit for adventure in Toronto women, two Montreal United Israel Appeal women's division leaders flew here for informal recruitment for their Feb. 22 national women's leadership mission to Israel.

Kappy Flanders, national UIA women's president, and Faigie Zimmerman, UIA missions chairman, told The Canadian Jewish News that the third annual mission promises unusual benefits to participants.

Based at the year-old Jerusalem Hilton for the entire nine-night stay from Feb. 22-March 3, the group will travel to points of interest, congregate for casual evenings in private homes, and meet with political figures for discussions and debate. They plan to be free of the hassle of hotel changes and suitcases-toting.

There are special boons to a study mission comprised solely of women, particularly when you add the dynamic elements of a small group, said the organizers. They are looking to a contingent of

30-35 women from across Canada, and both women plan to be among them. Mrs. Zimmerman, who, with her husband and four children, has had a house in Haifa for over 10 years where they spend a good part of their time, is eagerly looking forward to leading the mission.

Both women point out that, at \$966, including meals and all travel arrangements, and with the full amount payable in State of Israel Bonds, their itinerary seems well worth the investment.

A highlight of the trip will be special air force transport to an undisclosed base in the south of Israel, meeting with the base commander, and an informal reception with the officers and their wives who live there.

Reports from the previous women's missions have proved correct the UIA planners' hunch that Canadian women are not sidelined. They want to be in touch with the realities of life.

Moving in a small, easily manageable group, they hope to welcome and assist a planeload of newly-arrived Russian immigrants, as they wade through the long process



Faigie Zimmerman

ing procedures before they leave Ben Gurion airport for absorption centres.

Reflecting on the first UIA women's mission, which she led, Kappy Flanders said one could feel the warmth of human contact as the superficial differences between the North American tourists and the Russian refugees receded, and the oneness of fellow Jews became apparent.

"For many of the pre-



Kappy Flanders

vious mission travellers, it was a moving experience," she said, "and has continued to spur their involvement in their home community efforts for Israel."

She cited Fran Belzberg, of Vancouver, who became increasingly more active on behalf of UIA projects, and led the 1975 national women's mission to Israel.

Always, continued Mrs. Flanders, the veterans of a women's mission speak

of the strong friendships they developed on their trip with their counterparts across Canada, their shared interest and experiences on the mission establishing a foundation for continued contact as they work together in support of Israel.

The UIA mission leaders expressed their concern for greater Toronto participation on the February trip. The previous two study missions have drawn the majority of their participants from Montreal and Vancouver. Only two Toronto women made the trip in 1974.

Joan Lipson, UIA women's chairman for Ontario, expressed disappointment to The CJN that such an important centre of Zionist interest in Canada should have so few women partake of the opportunities offered on such a mission.

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The gallery, which is closely associated with the Catholic Church, expressed the hope that this "demonstration of solidarity" would encourage Wiesenthal to continue his work.

Wiesenthal has dropped his slander writ

against Dr. Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, issued after Dr. Kreisky accused him of resorting to "political Mafia methods" in exposing the Nazi past of Friedrich Peter, the Freedom Party leader.

Wiesenthal accused Peter of having served with a Nazi SS brigade who murdered Jews and others in the Soviet Union during the Second World War.

Peter, who admitted that he was a member of the unit but denies being involved in "illegal acts," has issued a libel writ against Wiesenthal.

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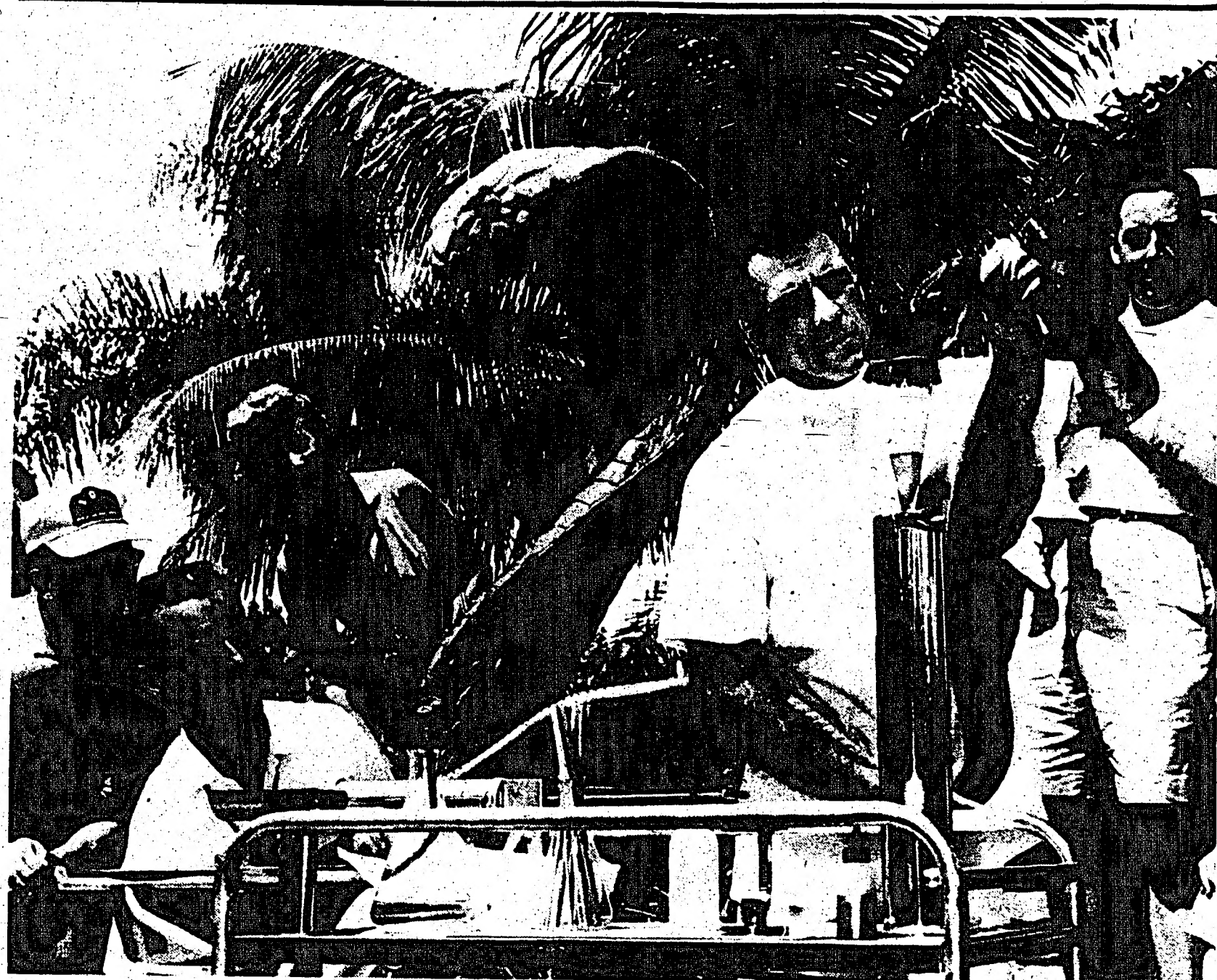
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Canada honored by bicentennial event to be held in Daytona Beach Shores

TALLAHASSEE — January trumpets a warm welcome to the Bicentennial year as two centuries of American history are echoed in festival themes throughout sunny Florida.

Glimpses from past to future help start the new year with the Spirit of '76. Reflecting historic periods of home furnishings, the exclusive southeast coast resort of Palm Beach presents At Home: 1776 to 1976, sponsored by the Society of the Four Arts, Jan. 2 - Feb. 1.

A trip through time also is offered by the U.S. department of defence. Photographs, artifacts and video features in a mini-theatre are presented in four vans of the armed forces bicentennial caravan, which appears Jan. 3-4 at Pensacola in Northwest Florida, and then moves to Miami for a Jan. 31 - Feb. 3 engagement.

A special event honoring Canadians occurs in Daytona Beach Shores, Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, when this Surf Coast resort area pretends it is Canada's 11th province during Hands of Friendship Across the Border, highlighted by a three-night bicentennial rally.

Regional history receives emphasis during two top Florida festivals. The southeastern coast developed by railroad pioneer Henry Flagler pays homage during Flagler's Day in Fort Lauderdale Jan. 18 at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, where train rides and displays take place in a turn-of-the-century atmosphere.

In 1912, Flagler's passenger train first pulled into Key West, which celebrates its colorful past with Old Island Days, Jan. 24 - March 6. Facets of this sparkling celebration include a tour of homes, sidewalk craft show, flower show, parade and street dance.

Since Florida serves as a major producer of beef cattle, the Sunshine State hosts some rip-roarin' Western celebrations. The Sandy Shoes Festival, Jan. 17-18 in Fort Pierce, in southeast Florida, brings shoot-outs, art shows, archery contests and a full-scale rodeo.

Then, North Miami stages the Country-Western Jamboree of square dancing, clogging and pony rides Jan. 25. The beat goes on, as the 18th Annual Square Dance Festival sets toes tapping

in Panama City, in northwest Florida, Jan. 30-31. Arts activities play an important part in Florida's festival schedule, with the Annual Art Show in Cape Coral, near Fort Myers, Jan. 11-30; the Arts and Crafts Festival at Brooksville, north of Tampa, Jan. 24; and Stephen Foster Week, seven days of music by outstanding Florida groups, at the

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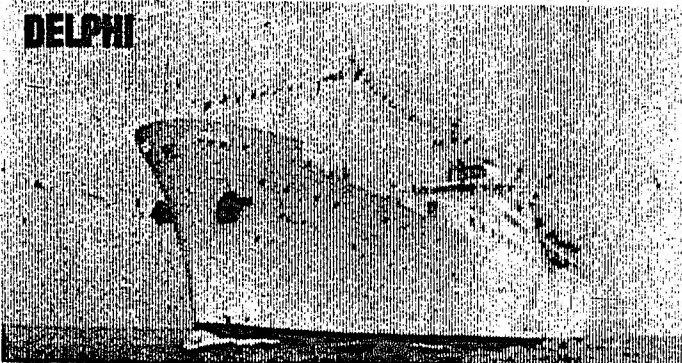
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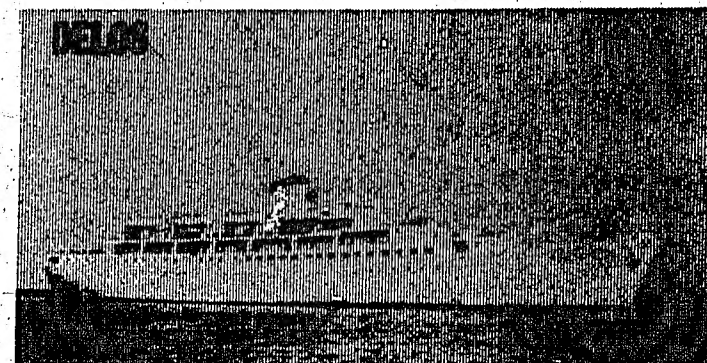
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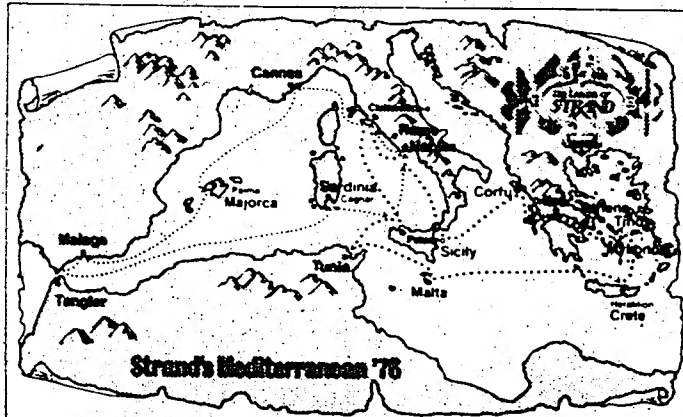
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The Pa'amey Aviv dance troupe's performance at Israel's 5736 Festival was found to be "exceptionally imaginative" by critic Kardonne. The dancers were one of the many highlights of the annual show. (El-Baz photo)

Israel Festival at Toronto shul 'was outstanding, moving show'

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The Israel 5736 Festival, staged at Adath Israel on Dec. 15, was a beautifully moving show filled with humor, pathos and variety. I just wish that it had been a bit longer because it was so good.

Everybody involved was outstanding. Avi Toledano's magnetic stage presence and lyrically expressive voice immediately won the hearts of the crowd when he stepped out on stage to perform the first song which made him famous, Jaffa; then followed it up with his own memorable minor-key lament-ballad, What Matters Now?

His Hebrew-language rendition of Steve Goodman's City of New Orleans was greatly enlivened by his humorous "Bob Dylan in Hebrew" act: giving this interpretation an individuality which placed Avi's

rendition on a far higher plane than that of just being an imitation of the American product.

Rivka Zohar is an exceptionally fine singer with a unique style all her own. Petite and delicate in appearance, her voice naturally blends a pure sweetness with a powerful sharp clarity especially moving in her ballad about a slain soldier ("he had everything going for him except life itself").

There is a feeling of eternal yet sincerely unpretentious transcendence about her, as though she embodies today's yearnings of our entire Jewish people because she speaks from our collective heart. I hope to hear a lot more from her.

Her counterpart, Tispy Zurenkin, on the other hand, has a rich full voice, but she does not belt it out. Her voice is complete enough texturally so that she can just sing easily and yet convey many different composite moods. There was too little of her in this show. The program notes described her as "one of the finest singers of the new jazz and rock generation." I would like to have

seen her display more of these advertised skills.

The brilliant finger-shadow artistry of Albert Almozino added a whole new dimension to this show. Providing witty cartoon caricatures of figures from a camel of Kissinger to Tricky Dicky by standing behind a screen. Almozino's technical prowess to do anything with his supple hands, combined with his lucid humor, delighted the capacity audience.

And, Dudu Topaz proved to be an exceptionally fine MC, telling some very funny, relevant political satire jokes (Golda asked Kissinger at the Wailing Wall, "For what do you pray?"; Kissinger replied, "I hope to hear a lot more from her. West Bank, Golan, Jerusalem, etc.; Golda then said: "Remember that you are talking to a wall.")

And, last, but certainly not least, must be mentioned the Pa'amey Aviv dance troupe, whose exceptionally imaginative folkdance renditions, be they chachach, Chassidic, or, as so sensitively accompanying the Peace Song sung by Rivka and

Tispy, were vibrant, tender, and truly inspiring.

Several of the scheduled dance numbers were cut because the stage of Adath Israel was too small. Since the brevity of this show was noticeable, I suggest that in the future, all such shows with a large dance troupe should be held in Massey Hall or Eaton Auditorium (when this show went to Montreal, it was staged at the large Salle Wilfred Pelletier at Place des Arts).

But even this brief show was extremely enjoyable as well as artistically superb and soulfully inspiring; it proved once more that Israel is one of the world's great centres of performing artistic talent.

Artist bases work on 'dream diary'

World of fantasy created for Gallery One exhibit

art

By JULIANA BORSA

Martin Berkovitz creates a world of fantasy for the opening exhibition at Gallery One. Intensity of color characterizes most of the large oil paintings which have a jewel-like effect, with light coming seemingly from within.

This effect is achieved by a process of painting dependent upon maintaining transparency: several coats of thin color are applied to the canvas, and the transparency of one layer over the other gives the illusion of depth, and of light from within, as in semi-precious stones.

It is a slow process, and Berkovitz is satisfied if he completes four large oil paintings a year. In practice, this tends to make his work somewhat mannered and over-refined.

Highly detailed designs of dreams and myths are submerged in the luminous surfaces of turquoise blue, bright yellow, emerald green and ruby red. The subjects are mainly imaginary, based on a dream diary the artist has kept for the past 10 years.

The Kingdom of Ice is an expensive visionary design on five panels, predominantly in shades of blue. The highly glazed



The work of Toronto-born artist Martin Berkovitz is featured at the opening exhibition of Gallery One. This is detail from a work entitled "Imperial Yellow."

Mandarin Doors are a pair, one in red, the other in green, which evoke a rich, palatial setting. Through the doors, slightly ajar, exotic details of Oriental dragons are revealed.

In the Magyar and the Undine, an Imperial guard, in a fairytale setting, is about to dive into a pool for the beautiful reflection of a visionary figure. A pair of graceful swans are the subject of the Forgotten Lake. Serenity and beauty pervade these make-believe lands. The shimmering surfaces and exotic subject matter recall the work of the late 19th century French artist, Gustave Moreau.

matter, with Gothic and Renaissance references, they are always elegant in line and display a high degree of technical skill without shadow or shading.

Toronto-born Berkovitz lived in New York and Europe before returning home in 1973. On view until Jan. 25, his is the first of a series of one-man shows planned by Gallery One. The North Bathurst Street location is unusual for galleries but it is central for the Jewish community.

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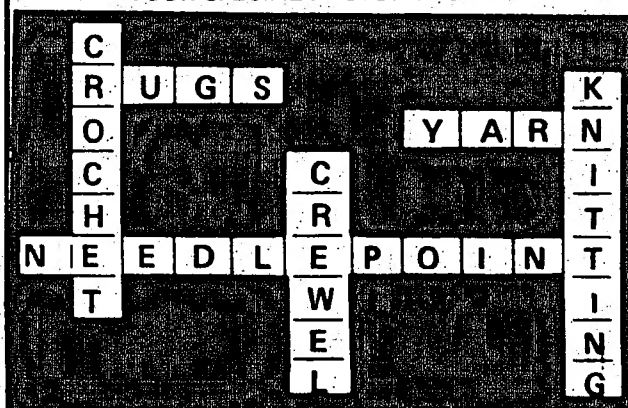
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Composer-writer Jeri Craden is big-voiced cabaret star of self-penned musical revue

By JENIVA BERGER

Jeri Craden has good reason to be happy these days. A recent musical show, *The Clowns*, a bit-tersweet story of "how all of us are clowns about love," did exceedingly well at Anthony's Villa with Jeri herself, the bright eyed big-voiced star and composer-writer of the piece.

Aside from the fact that Jerilyn has penned some strong, appealing numbers which took *The Clowns* a niche above many of the cabaret revues which offer lukewarm-over songs, the personality of the show belonged to Jeri alone. To be sure, she got some solid support from her co-performers, Dean Regan and Brian McKay as well as her director, Doug Cowan, but it's Jeri's unique combinations of the inanities and subtleties of love along with the sassy defensive characters rather than the romantics who reach for it and wind up a tear ahead of the game, which carried it off.

"I started to write the show two-and-a-half years ago," says Jeri in her comfortable Beaches apartment, "and all my relationships, everything went into *The Clowns*."

Once you understand that and the fact that Jeri the person, seems to be a melding of several textures, it's not unusual that *The Clowns* gets its distinctive flavor from her, and that their psyches match.

Surrounded by wild splashes of color in her Mexican-oriented living room, the coolness of green plants, scores of them hanging, standing



Jeri Craden

and squatting, bring a tangible earthy quality to everything. Then there's the warm burnt sienna color of the walls which, by some rare coincidence, are of the same hue as Miss Craden's hair and eyes. Comparisons abound and if one is tempted to form some quaint aphorism, there's always Jeri to scotch it all, breaking into the conversation singing a ditty about yoghurt, in the Baby Snook's voice which won her a Canadian Television Commercial Festival award. Who cares about analyzing when you've got Fanny Brice in the same room.

Jeri Craden was nine when she moved to Los Angeles and proceeded to

develop "a big voice in a little body."

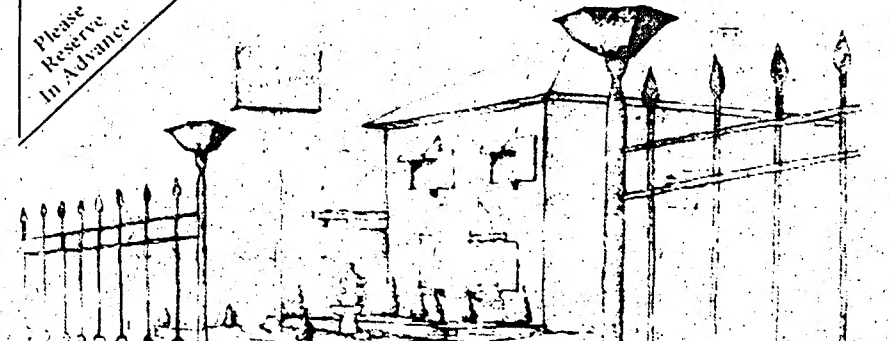
Her mother, who "had an incredible, schmaltzy singing voice," didn't push her into show business, but Jeri entertained at the odd USO and Hadassah function. At 18, the baby of the family whose body had caught up with her voice, "a spoiled little Jewish girl," moved out of the house and took all sorts of odd jobs to support acting and singing lessons.

Eventually, Jeri vacated the plastic world of Los Angeles with her new non-plastic husband and moved to Toronto. "Canada has been great," she says, "I've explored every place I've wanted to."

In between the birth of her son, Omer, and the dissolution of her marriage, her forays in the seven years she's been here have included stage work in *Spring Thaw '70* ("The most difficult time of my life. I decided that I would never do anything again which wasn't of quality."), *I Do! I Do!*, *Clap Hands*, and *Jaques Brel*, along with numerous television guest spots, commercials and night club stints.

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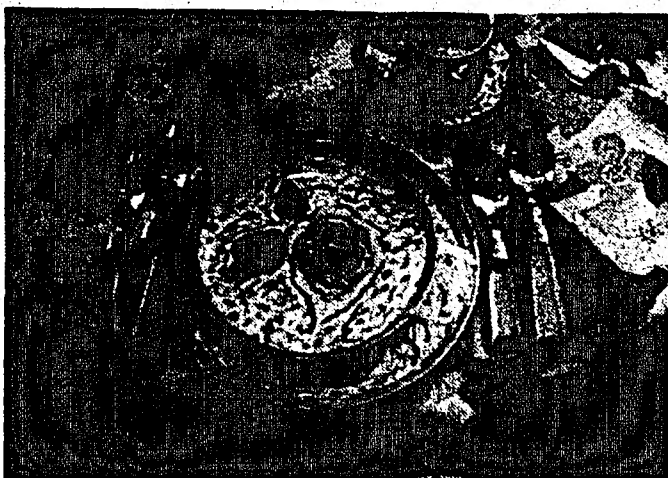


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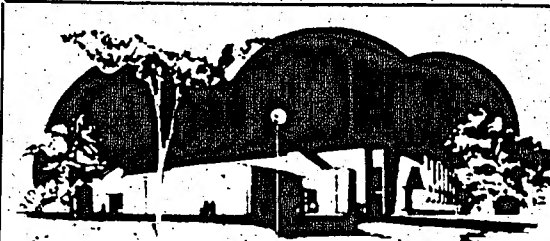
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